
HOUSE BILL 1897

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By Representatives McCoy, Ryu, and Pollet

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1 AN ACT Relating to requiring call location information to be
2 provided to law enforcement responding to an emergency; adding a new
3 section to chapter 80.36 RCW; and creating a new section.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 80.36 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) A wireless telecommunications provider must provide call
8 location information concerning the telecommunications device of a user
9 when requested by a law enforcement agency for the purpose of
10 responding to a call for emergency services or in an emergency
11 situation that involves the risk of death or serious physical harm. A
12 law enforcement agency may not request information under this section
13 for any purpose other than responding to a call for emergency services
14 or in an emergency situation that involves the risk of death or serious
15 physical harm.

16 (2) A wireless telecommunications provider may establish protocols
17 by which the carrier voluntarily discloses call location information.

18 (3) No cause of action may be brought in any court against any
19 wireless telecommunications provider, its officers, employees, agents,

1 or other specified persons for providing call location information
2 while acting in good faith and in accordance with the provisions of
3 this section.

4 (4) All wireless telecommunications providers registered to do
5 business in the state of Washington and all resellers of wireless
6 telecommunications services shall submit their emergency contact
7 information to the Washington state patrol in order to facilitate
8 requests from a law enforcement agency for call location information in
9 accordance with this section. This contact information must initially
10 be submitted by September 30, 2013, and then must be submitted annually
11 by September 30th. This contact information must be submitted
12 immediately upon any change in contact information.

13 (5) The Washington state patrol must maintain a database containing
14 emergency contact information for all wireless telecommunications
15 providers registered to do business in the state of Washington and must
16 make the information immediately available upon request to facilitate
17 a request from law enforcement for call location information under this
18 section.

19 (6) The Washington state patrol may adopt by rule criteria for
20 fulfilling the requirements of this section.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act may be known and cited as the
22 Kelsey Smith act.

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