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Introduced by M. of A. PAULIN -- read once and referred to the Committee
on Governmental Operations

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to direct dialing to
public service answering points

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEM-
BLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. The executive law is amended by adding a new section 717-a
2 to read as follows:
3 S 717-A. DIRECT DIALING TO PUBLIC SERVICE ANSWERING POINTS. 1. FOR
4 PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "PUBLIC BUILDING" SHALL MEAN ANY BELONGING TO
5 THE STATE, COUNTY, TOWN, VILLAGE, SCHOOL DISTRICT OR ANY OTHER POLITICAL
6 OR CIVIL SUBDIVISION OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT.
7 2. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "MULTI-LINE TELEPHONE SYSTEM" SHALL
8 MEAN ANY SYSTEM COMPRISED OF COMMON CONTROL UNITS, TELEPHONE SETS,
9 CONTROL HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE, AND ADJUNCT SYSTEMS WHICH ENABLES USERS
10 TO MAKE AND RECEIVE TELEPHONE CALLS USING SHARED RESOURCES SUCH AS TELE-
11 PHONE NETWORK TRUNKS OR DATA LINK BANDWIDTH. THIS TERM INCLUDES, BUT IS
12 NOT LIMITED TO, NETWORK-BASED AND PREMISES-BASED SYSTEMS SUCH AS CENTREX
13 SERVICE, PREMISES-BASED, HOSTED AND CLOUD-BASED VOIP, AS WELL AS PBX,
14 HYBRID AND KEY TELEPHONE SYSTEMS, AS CLASSIFIED BY THE FCC UNDER PART 68
15 OF ITS RULES.
16 3. ALL BUSINESSES AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS WHICH OPERATE ON A MULTI-LINE
17 TELEPHONE SYSTEM IN THIS STATE MUST CONFIGURE THEIR MULTI-LINE TELEPHONE
18 SYSTEM HARDWARE TO ALLOW ANY CALL TO 911 ON THE SYSTEM TO BE DIRECTLY
19 CONNECTED TO A PUBLIC SERVICE ANSWERING POINT.
20 4. THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBDIVISION THREE OF THIS SECTION SHALL NOT
21 APPLY TO ANY BUSINESS OR PUBLIC BUILDING OPERATING ON A MULTI-LINE TELE-
22 PHONE SYSTEM THAT WOULD BE REQUIRED TO UPGRADE THE HARDWARE OF THEIR
23 TELEPHONE NETWORK TO MEET SAID REQUIREMENT. HOWEVER, ANY EXEMPT BUSINESS
24 OR PUBLIC BUILDING OPERATING ON A MULTI-LINE TELEPHONE SYSTEM MUST PLACE
25 AN INSTRUCTIONAL STICKER ON OR IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO EACH TELEPHONE

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[] is old law to be omitted.

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1 INFORMING USERS OF THE PHONE'S INABILITY TO DIRECTLY DIAL 911 AND THE
2 PROCEDURES TO FOLLOW IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY. EACH STICKER SHALL BE
3 PRINTED IN BOLD, EASY TO READ FONT IN A CONTRASTING COLOR WITH A MINIMUM
4 PRINT SIZE OF 16 POINT FONT.

5 S 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2016.