

ASSEMBLY, No. 1089

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel

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By Assemblymen CORODEMUS and GREGG

1 **AN ACT** concerning local unit reimbursement for the costs of false
2 emergency calls to 9-1-1 and amending P.L.1989, c.3.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. Section 10 of P.L.1989, c.3 (C.52:17C-10) is amended to read
8 as follows:

9 10. a. Whenever possible and practicable, telephone companies
10 shall forward to jurisdictional public safety answering points via
11 enhanced 9-1-1 network features, the telephone number and street
12 address of any telephone used to place a 9-1-1 call. Subscriber
13 information provided in accordance with this section shall be used only
14 for the purpose of responding to emergency calls or for the
15 investigation of false or intentionally misleading reports of incidents
16 requiring emergency service.

17 b. No telephone company, public safety answering point, agents of,
18 or manufacturer supplying equipment to a telephone company or
19 PSAP, shall be liable to any person who uses the enhanced 9-1-1
20 service established under this act for release of the information
21 specified in this section, including non-published telephone numbers,
22 or for failure of any equipment or procedure in connection with the
23 enhanced 9-1-1 service or for any act or the omission of any act
24 committed while in the training for or in rendering PSAP services in
25 good faith and in accordance with this act.

26 c. A municipality or county that incurs any expense because of calls
27 made to a 9-1-1 emergency service that are false alarms, intentionally
28 misleading reports of incidents, or other calls made to a 9-1-1
29 emergency service without purpose of reporting the need for 9-1-1
30 service, may seek reimbursement for its costs, including costs of
31 collection, from the caller or, if the caller cannot be identified, from

EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 the subscriber of the telephone service from which the call was made.

2 (cf: P.L.1989, c.3, s.10)

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4 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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9 This bill would authorize counties and municipalities that have
10 incurred expense because of false calls placed to a 9-1-1 emergency
11 service to seek reimbursement from the caller or the subscriber of the
12 telephone service from which the call was made.

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17 Authorizes local unit reimbursement for cost of false call to 9-1-1.