
Introduced by Senator Bowen

February 26, 1999

An act to amend Section 2892 of the Public Utilities Code, relating to telecommunications.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 983, as introduced, Bowen. Telecommunications: commercial mobile radio service: emergency calls.

Existing law requires the Public Utilities Commission to require that every facilities-based cellular service provider provide access for end users on its system to the local emergency telephone services described in a specified provision of the Warren-911-Emergency Assistance Act, that they utilize the "911" code as the primary access number for those services, and that "911" calls from cellular units be routed to the nearest appropriate California Highway Patrol communications center.

This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change in those provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 2892 of the Public Utilities Code
2 is amended to read:
3 2892. The commission shall, by rule or order, require
4 that every facilities-based cellular service provider
5 provide access for end users on its system to the local



1 emergency telephone services described in Section 53100
2 of the Government Code, that they shall utilize the “911”
3 code as the primary access number for those services, and
4 that “911” calls from cellular units shall be routed to the
5 nearest appropriate *Department of the* California
6 Highway Patrol communications center. In addition, the
7 commission, by rule or order, shall require that every
8 cellular service provider include in its tariffs a provision
9 to the effect that there shall be no airtime or similar usage
10 charge for calls placed from a cellular unit to the
11 emergency telephone services system.

