

HOUSE BILL REPORT

SSB 5057

As Passed House
March 1, 1994

Title: An act relating to correcting a double amendment related to exceptions to the right of privacy.

Brief Description: Correcting a double amendment related to exceptions to the right of privacy.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on Law & Justice (originally sponsored by Senators A. Smith, Quigley, McCaslin and Erwin; by request of Law Revision Commission).

Brief History:

Reported by House Committee on:
Judiciary, February 18, 1994, DP;
Passed House, March 1, 1994, 97-0.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Majority Report: Do pass. Signed by 13 members:
Representatives Appelwick, Chair; Johanson, Vice Chair;
Padden, Ranking Minority Member; Ballasiotes, Assistant
Ranking Minority Member; Campbell; Chappell; Eide; J. Kohl;
Long; Morris; H. Myers; Scott and Tate.

Staff: Margaret Allen (786-7191).

Background: The 1991 Legislature passed two amendments to the Privacy Act. Both amendments excluded certain services from the provisions of the act. These amendments were made without reference to each other.

One amendment provided that using information obtained through 911 or enhanced 911 in order to protect the public would not violate the Privacy Act. Enhanced 911 refers to a 911 telephone service which automatically displays the name and address associated with the incoming telephone call.

The second amendment provided that information obtained and used in certain common carrier services, sometimes called "Caller I.D." services, would not violate the Privacy Act. The second amendment also referred to enhanced 911, but failed to mention 911.

The amendments are not inconsistent with each other; however, they duplicate a reference to enhanced 911.

Summary of Bill: The statute listing exceptions to the Privacy Act is amended. A duplicate reference to "enhanced 911" is stricken.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Testimony For: None.

Testimony Against: None.

Witnesses: None.