

HOUSE BILL 1080

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **9–1–1 Emergency Telephone System – Multiple–Line Telephone Systems – Direct**
3 **Dial**
4 **(Kari’s Law)**

5 FOR the purpose of requiring that, on or before a certain date, a person that installs or
6 operates a multiple–line telephone system ensures that the system is connected to
7 the public switched telephone network in such a way that an individual dialing
8 9–1–1 is connected to the public safety answering point without requiring the
9 individual to dial any other number or set of numbers; providing a certain exception
10 for a unit of the Executive Branch of State government; defining a certain term; and
11 generally relating to access to the 9–1–1 emergency telephone system and
12 multiple–line telephone systems.

13 BY adding to
14 Article – Public Safety
15 Section 1–314
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
2 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

3 **Article – Public Safety**

4 **1–314.**

5 (A) IN THIS SECTION, “MULTIPLE–LINE TELEPHONE SYSTEM” MEANS A
6 SYSTEM THAT:

7 (1) CONSISTS OF COMMON CONTROL UNITS, TELEPHONE SETS,
8 CONTROL HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE, AND ADJUNCT SYSTEMS, INCLUDING
9 NETWORK AND PREMISES–BASED SYSTEMS; AND

10 (2) IS DESIGNED TO AGGREGATE MORE THAN ONE INCOMING VOICE
11 COMMUNICATION CHANNEL FOR USE BY MORE THAN ONE TELEPHONE.

12 (B) (1) ~~ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2015, EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN~~
13 PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2017, A
14 PERSON THAT INSTALLS OR OPERATES A MULTIPLE–LINE TELEPHONE SYSTEM
15 SHALL ENSURE THAT THE SYSTEM IS CONNECTED TO THE PUBLIC SWITCHED
16 TELEPHONE NETWORK IN SUCH A WAY THAT WHEN AN INDIVIDUAL USING THE
17 SYSTEM DIALS 9–1–1, THE CALL CONNECTS TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING
18 POINT WITHOUT REQUIRING THE USER TO DIAL ANY OTHER NUMBER OR SET OF
19 NUMBERS.

20 (2) A UNIT OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF STATE GOVERNMENT
21 SHALL COMPLY WITH PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION ON THE DATE THAT THE
22 MULTIPLE–LINE TELEPHONE SYSTEM OF THE UNIT IS NEXT UPGRADED.

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
24 October 1, 2015.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.