

# SENATE BILL 576

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By: **Senator Pugh**

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Assigned to: Finance

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## A BILL ENTITLED

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; defining a certain term; and  
10 generally relating to access to the 9-1-1 emergency telephone system and  
11 multiple-line telephone systems.

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

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

19 **Article – Public Safety**

20 **1-314.**

21 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “MULTIPLE-LINE TELEPHONE SYSTEM” MEANS A**  
22 **SYSTEM THAT:**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           **(1) CONSISTS OF COMMON CONTROL UNITS, TELEPHONE SETS,**  
2 **CONTROL HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE, AND ADJUNCT SYSTEMS, INCLUDING**  
3 **NETWORK AND PREMISES-BASED SYSTEMS; AND**

4           **(2) IS DESIGNED TO AGGREGATE MORE THAN ONE INCOMING VOICE**  
5 **COMMUNICATION CHANNEL FOR USE BY MORE THAN ONE TELEPHONE.**

6           **(B) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2015, A PERSON THAT INSTALLS OR**  
7 **OPERATES A MULTIPLE-LINE TELEPHONE SYSTEM SHALL ENSURE THAT THE**  
8 **SYSTEM IS CONNECTED TO THE PUBLIC SWITCHED TELEPHONE NETWORK IN SUCH**  
9 **A WAY THAT WHEN AN INDIVIDUAL USING THE SYSTEM DIALS 9-1-1, THE CALL**  
10 **CONNECTS TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINT WITHOUT REQUIRING THE**  
11 **USER TO DIAL ANY OTHER NUMBER OR SET OF NUMBERS.**

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