

TDoS/DDoS: HB744/ SB405

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POSITION: Favorable

TDoS is a manual attack by an individual or group of individuals, where DDoS is thru the use of malware and other similar attack on systems. Both result in a flood of calls to 911, preventing legitimate callers with an emergency the ability to reach the help they need. Imagine you are calling 911 for your injured child, a house fire, car accident or home invasion while some criminal has prevented you from reaching the 911 Specialist and the getting the police officers, fire fighters or medic you need.

Any malicious attack on 911, delaying or preventing Maryland residents from reaching the help they need, in my mind could not be anything but a felony. Presidential Policy Directive 21 (PPD-21) Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience identifies the Emergency Services Sector as one of the 16 sectors of the United States Critical Infrastructure. How could Maryland not recognize an attack on Emergency Services for the severity it is and make this attack a felony. I respectfully urge you to pass this legislation.