

(f) MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT.—A poison control center, in utilizing the proceeds of a grant under this section, shall maintain the expenditures of the center for activities of the center at a level that is not less than the level of such expenditures maintained by the center for the fiscal year preceding the fiscal year for which the grant is received.

(g) MATCHING REQUIREMENT.—The Secretary may impose a matching requirement with respect to amounts provided under a grant under this section if the Secretary determines appropriate.

(h) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section, \$25,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2000 through 2004.

E-911 ACT OF 1999

On August 5, 1999, the Senate passed S. 800, as follows:

S. 800

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Wireless Communications and Public Safety Act of 1999”.

SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.

(a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds that—

(1) the establishment and maintenance of an end-to-end communications infrastructure among members of the public, emergency safety, fire service and law enforcement officials, emergency dispatch providers, transportation officials, and hospital emergency and trauma care facilities will reduce response times for the delivery of emergency care, assist in delivering appropriate care, and thereby prevent fatalities, substantially reduce the severity and extent of injuries, reduce time lost from work, and save thousands of lives and billions of dollars in health care costs;

(2) the rapid, efficient deployment of emergency telecommunications service requires statewide coordination of the efforts of local public safety, fire service and law enforcement officials, emergency dispatch providers, and transportation officials; the establishment of sources of adequate funding for carrier and public safety, fire service and law enforcement agency technology development and deployment; the coordination and integration of emergency communications with traffic control and management systems and the designation of 9-1-1 as the number to call in emergencies throughout the Nation;

(3) emerging technologies can be a critical component of the end-to-end communications infrastructure connecting the public with emergency medical service providers and emergency dispatch providers, public safety, fire service and law enforcement officials, and hospital emergency and trauma care facilities, to reduce emergency response times and provide appropriate care;

(4) improved public safety remains an important public health objective of Federal, State, and local governments and substantially facilitates interstate and foreign commerce;

(5) emergency care systems, particularly in rural areas of the Nation, will improve with the enabling of prompt notification of emergency services when motor vehicle crashes occur; and

(6) the construction and operation of seamless, ubiquitous, and reliable wireless telecommunications systems promote public safety and provide immediate and critical communications links among members of the public; emergency medical service pro-

viders and emergency dispatch providers; public safety, fire service and law enforcement officials; transportation officials, and hospital emergency and trauma care facilities.

(b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this Act is to encourage and facilitate the prompt deployment throughout the United States of a seamless, ubiquitous, and reliable end-to-end infrastructure for communications, including wireless communications, to meet the Nation’s public safety and other communications needs.

SEC. 3. UNIVERSAL EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBER.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT OF UNIVERSAL EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBER.—Section 251(e) of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 251(e)) is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(3) UNIVERSAL EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBER.—The Commission and any agency or entity to which the Commission has delegated authority under this subsection shall designate 9-1-1 as the universal emergency telephone number within the United States for reporting an emergency to appropriate authorities and requesting assistance. The designation shall apply to both wireline and wireless telephone service. In making the designation, the Commission (and any such agency or entity) shall provide appropriate transition periods for areas in which 9-1-1 is not in use as an emergency telephone number on the date of enactment of the Wireless Communications and Public Safety Act of 1999.”.

(b) SUPPORT.—The Federal Communications Commission shall encourage and support efforts by States to deploy comprehensive end-to-end emergency communications infrastructure and programs, based on coordinated statewide plans, including seamless, ubiquitous, reliable wireless telecommunications networks and enhanced wireless 9-1-1 service. In encouraging and supporting that deployment, the Commission shall consult and cooperate with State and local officials responsible for emergency services and public safety, the telecommunications industry (specifically including the cellular and other wireless telecommunications service providers), the motor vehicle manufacturing industry, emergency medical service providers and emergency dispatch providers, transportation officials, special 9-1-1 districts, public safety, fire service and law enforcement officials, consumer groups, and hospital emergency and trauma care personnel (including emergency physicians, trauma surgeons, and nurses). The Commission shall encourage each State to develop and implement coordinated statewide deployment plans, through an entity designated by the governor, and to include representatives of the foregoing organizations and entities in development and implementation of such plans. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to authorize or require the Commission to impose obligations or costs on any person.

SEC. 4. PARITY OF PROTECTION FOR PROVISION OR USE OF WIRELESS SERVICE.

(a) PROVIDER PARITY.—A wireless carrier, and its officers, directors, employees, vendors, and agents, shall have immunity or other protection from liability in a State of a scope and extent that is not less than the scope and extent of immunity or other protection from liability that any local exchange company, and its officers, directors, employees, vendors, or agents, have under Federal and State law (whether through statute, judicial decision, tariffs filed by such local exchange company, or otherwise) applicable in such State, including in connection with an act or omission involving

the release to a PSAP, emergency medical service provider or emergency dispatch provider, public safety, fire service or law enforcement official, or hospital emergency or trauma care facility of subscriber information related to emergency calls or emergency services.

(b) USER PARITY.—A person using wireless 9-1-1 service shall have immunity or other protection from liability of a scope and extent that is not less than the scope and extent of immunity or other protection from liability under applicable law in similar circumstances of a person using 9-1-1 service that is not wireless.

(c) PSAP PARITY.—In matters related to wireless 9-1-1 communications, a PSAP, and its employees, vendors, agents, and authorizing government entity (if any) shall have immunity or other protection from liability of a scope and extent that is not less than the scope and extent of immunity or other protection from liability under applicable law accorded to such PSAP, employees, vendors, agents, and authorizing government entity, respectively, in matters related to 9-1-1 communications that are not wireless.

(d) BASIS FOR ENACTMENT.—This section is enacted as an exercise of the enforcement power of the Congress under section 5 of the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution and the power of the Congress to regulate commerce with foreign nations, among the several States, and with Indian tribes.

SEC. 5. AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE CUSTOMER INFORMATION.

Section 222 of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 222) is amended—

(1) in subsection (d)—

(A) by striking “or” at the end of paragraph (2);

(B) by striking the period at the end of paragraph (3) and inserting a semicolon and “and”; and

(C) by adding at the end the following:

“(4) to provide call location information concerning the user of a commercial mobile service (as such term is defined in section 332(d))—

“(A) to a public safety answering point, emergency medical service provider or emergency dispatch provider, public safety, fire service, or law enforcement official, or hospital emergency or trauma care facility, in order to respond to the user’s call for emergency services;

“(B) to inform the user’s legal guardian or members of the user’s immediate family of the user’s location in an emergency situation that involves the risk of death or serious physical harm; or

“(C) to providers of information or database management services solely for purposes of assisting in the delivery of emergency services in response to an emergency.”.

(2) by redesignating subsection (f) as subsection (h) and by inserting the following after subsection (e):

“(f) AUTHORITY TO USE WIRELESS LOCATION INFORMATION.—For purposes of subsection (c)(1), without the express prior authorization of the customer, a customer shall not be considered to have approved the use or disclosure of or access to—

“(1) call location information concerning the user of a commercial mobile service (as such term is defined in section 332(d)), other than in accordance with subsection (d)(4); or

“(2) automatic crash notification information to any person other than for use in the operation of an automatic crash notification system.

“(g) SUBSCRIBER LISTED AND UNLISTED INFORMATION FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES.—Notwithstanding subsections (b), (c), and (d), a telecommunications carrier that provides telephone exchange service shall provide information described in subsection (i)(3)(A)

(including information pertaining to subscribers whose information is unlisted or unpublished) that is in its possession or control (including information pertaining to subscribers of other carriers) on a timely and unbundled basis, under nondiscriminatory and reasonable rates, terms, and conditions to providers of emergency services, and providers of emergency support services, solely for purposes of delivering or assisting in the delivery of emergency services.”;

(3) by inserting “location,” after “destination,” in subsection (h)(1)(A) (as redesignated by paragraph (2)); and

(4) by adding at the end of subsection (h) (as redesignated), the following:

“(4) PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINT.—The term ‘public safety answering point’ means a facility that has been designated to receive emergency calls and route them to emergency service personnel.

“(5) EMERGENCY SERVICES.—The term ‘emergency services’ means 9–1–1 emergency services and emergency notification services.

“(6) EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SERVICES.—The term ‘emergency notification services’ means services that notify the public of an emergency.

“(7) EMERGENCY SUPPORT SERVICES.—The term ‘emergency support services’ means information or data base management services used in support of emergency services.”.

SEC. 6. DEFINITIONS.

As used in this Act:

(1) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Transportation.

(2) STATE.—The term “State” means any of the several States, the District of Columbia, or any territory or possession of the United States.

(3) PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINT; PSAP.—The term “public safety answering point” or “PSAP” means a facility that has been designated to receive 9–1–1 calls and route them to emergency service personnel.

(4) WIRELESS CARRIER.—The term “wireless carrier” means a provider of commercial mobile services or any other radio communications service that the Federal Communications Commission requires to provide wireless 9–1–1 service.

(5) ENHANCED WIRELESS 9–1–1 SERVICE.—The term “enhanced wireless 9–1–1 service” means any enhanced 9–1–1 service so designated by the Federal Communications Commission in the proceeding entitled “Revision of the Commission’s Rules to Ensure Compatibility with Enhanced 9–1–1 Emergency Calling Systems” (CC Docket No. 94–102; RM–8143), or any successor proceeding.

(6) WIRELESS 9–1–1 SERVICE.—The term “wireless 9–1–1 service” means any 9–1–1 service provided by a wireless carrier, including enhanced wireless 9–1–1 service.

(7) EMERGENCY DISPATCH PROVIDERS.—The term “emergency dispatch providers” shall include governmental and nongovernmental providers of emergency dispatch services.

CENTENNIAL OF FLIGHT COMMEMORATION ACT OF 1999

On August 5, 1999, the Senate passed S. 1072, as follows:

S. 1072

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. CENTENNIAL OF FLIGHT COMMISSION.

The Centennial of Flight Commemoration Act (36 U.S.C. 143 note; 112 Stat. 3486 et seq.) is amended—

(1) in section 4—

(A) in subsection (a)—

(i) in paragraphs (1) and (2) by striking “or his designee”;

(ii) in paragraph (3) by striking “, or his designee” and inserting “to represent the interests of the Foundation”; and in paragraph (3) strike the word “chairman” and insert the word “president”;

(iii) in paragraph (4) by striking “, or his designee” and inserting “to represent the interests of the 2003 Committee”;

(iv) in paragraph (5) by inserting before the period “and shall represent the interests of such aeronautical entities”; and

(v) in paragraph (6) by striking “, or his designee”;

(B) by striking subsection (f);

(C) by redesignating subsections (b) through (e) as subsections (c) through (f), respectively; and

(D) by inserting after subsection (a) the following:

“(b) ALTERNATES.—Each member described under subsection (a) may designate an alternate who may act in lieu of the member to the extent authorized by the member, including attending meetings and voting.”;

(2) in section 5—

(A) in subsection (a)—

(i) by inserting “provide recommendations and advice to the President, Congress, and Federal agencies on the most effective ways to” after “The Commission shall”;

(ii) by striking paragraph (1); and

(iii) by redesignating paragraphs (2) through (7) as paragraphs (1) through (6), respectively;

(B) by redesignating subsection (b) as subsection (c) and inserting after subsection (a) the following:

“(b) INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES.—The Commission may—

“(1) advise the United States with regard to gaining support for and facilitating international recognition of the importance of aviation history in general and the centennial of powered flight in particular; and

“(2) attend international meetings regarding such activities as advisors to official United States representatives or to gain or provide information for or about the activities of the Commission.”; and

(C) by adding at the end the following:

“(d) ADDITIONAL DUTIES.—The Commission may—

“(1)(A) assemble, write, and edit a calendar of events in the United States (and significant events in the world) dealing with the commemoration of the centennial of flight or the history of aviation;

“(B) actively solicit event information; and

“(C) disseminate the calendar by printing and distributing hard and electronic copies and making the calendar available on a web page on the Internet;

“(2) maintain a web page on the Internet for the public that includes activities related to the centennial of flight celebration and the history of aviation;

“(3) write and produce press releases about the centennial of flight celebration and the history of aviation;

“(4) solicit and respond to media inquiries and conduct media interviews on the centennial of flight celebration and the history of aviation;

“(5) initiate contact with individuals and organizations that have an interest in aviation to encourage such individuals and organizations to conduct their own activities in celebration of the centennial of flight;

“(6) provide advice and recommendations, through the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration or the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration (or any employee of such an agency head under the direction of that agency head), to individuals and organizations that wish to conduct their own activities in celebration of the centennial of flight,

and maintain files of information and lists of experts on related subjects that can be disseminated on request;

“(7) sponsor meetings of Federal agencies, State and local governments, and private individuals and organizations for the purpose of coordinating their activities in celebration of the centennial of flight; and

“(8) encourage organizations to publish works related to the history of aviation.”;

(3) in section 6(a)—

(A) in paragraph (2)—

(i) by striking the first sentence; and

(ii) in the second sentence—

(I) by striking “the Federal” and inserting “a Federal”; and

(II) by striking “the information” and inserting “information”; and

(B) in paragraph (3) by striking “section 4(c)(2)” and inserting “section 4(d)(2)”;

(4) in section 6(c)(1) by striking “the Commission may” and inserting “the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration or the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration (or an employee of the respective administration as designated by either Administrator) may, on behalf of the Commission.”;

(5) in section 7—

(A) in subsection (a) in the first sentence—

(i) by striking “There” and inserting “Subject to subsection (h), there”; and

(ii) by inserting before the period “or represented on the Advisory Board under section 12(b)(1) (A) through (E)”;

(B) in subsection (b) by striking “The Commission” and inserting “Subject to subsection (h), the Commission”;

(C) by striking subsection (g);

(D) by redesignating subsection (h) as subsection (g); and

(E) by adding at the end the following:

“(h) LIMITATION.—Each member of the Commission described under section 4(a) (3), (4), and (5) may not make personnel decisions, including hiring, termination, and setting terms and conditions of employment.”;

(6) in section 9—

(A) in subsection (a)—

(i) by striking “The Commission may” and inserting “After consultation with the Commission, the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration may”;

(ii) by striking “its duties or that it” and inserting “the duties under this Act or that the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration”;

(B) in subsection (b)—

(i) in the first sentence by striking “The Commission shall have” and inserting “After consultation with the Commission, the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration may exercise”;

(ii) in the second sentence by striking “that the Commission lawfully adopts” and inserting “adopted under subsection (a)”;

and

(C) by amending subsection (d) to read as follows:

“(d) USE OF FUNDS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2), funds from licensing royalties received under this section shall be used by the Commission to carry out the duties of the Commission specified by this Act.

“(2) EXCESS FUNDS.—The Commission shall transfer any portion of funds in excess of funds necessary to carry out the duties described under paragraph (1), to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to be used for the sole purpose of commemorating the history of aviation or the centennial of powered flight.”;

(7) in section 10—

(A) in subsection (a)—

(i) in the first sentence, by striking “activities of the Commission” and inserting