

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

**HOUSE BILL**  
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON MINES AND ENERGY MANAGEMENT,  
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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, extending exceptions to prohibition on  
3 interception and disclosure of communications to the  
4 Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Paragraph (3) of section 5704 of Title 18, act of  
8 November 25, 1970 (P.L.707, No.230), known as the Pennsylvania  
9 Consolidated Statutes, is amended to read:

10 § 5704. Exceptions to prohibition on interception and  
11 disclosure of communications.

12 It shall not be unlawful under this chapter for:

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14 (3) Police and emergency communications systems to  
15 record telephone communications coming into and going out of  
16 the communications system of a police department, fire  
17 department, Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency or  
18 county emergency center, if:

19 (i) the telephones thereof are limited to the

1 exclusive use of the communication system for  
2 administrative purposes and provided the communication  
3 system employs a periodic warning which indicates to the  
4 parties to the conversation that the call is being  
5 recorded;

6 (ii) all recordings made pursuant to this clause,  
7 all notes made therefrom, and all transcriptions thereof  
8 may be destroyed at any time, unless required with regard  
9 to a pending matter; and

10 (iii) at least one nonrecorded telephone line is  
11 made available for public use at each police department,  
12 fire department, Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency  
13 or county emergency center.

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15 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.