HEALTH AND SAFETY (35 PA.C.S.) - PROHIBITED RELEASE OF INFORMATION

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HB 1310

AN ACT

Amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in emergency telephone service, providing for prohibited release of information.

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

- Section 1. Title 35 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a section to read: § 5399. Prohibited release of information.
- (a) Prohibition.--Notwithstanding any other law, in a response to a request under the act of February 14, 2008 (P.L.6, No.3), known as the Right-to-Know Law, a PSAP may not release individual identifying information of an individual calling a 911 center, victim or witness.
- (b) Applicability. -- This section shall not apply if the PSAP or a court determines that the public interest in disclosure outweighs the interest in nondisclosure.
- (c) Definition.--As used in this section, the term "identifying information" includes name, telephone number and home address. The term does not include:
 - (1) The location of the incident, unless the location is the caller's, victim's or witness's home address or the disclosure of the location would compromise the identity of the caller, victim or witness.
 - (2) The street block identifier, the cross street or the mile marker nearest the scene of the incident, which shall be public.

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

APPROVED--The 24th day of May, A.D. 2016.

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