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SENATOR VULAKOVICH, COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY, AS AMENDED,
APRIL 2, 2014

AN ACT

1 Requiring the disclosure of wireless device location
2 information; and providing for immunity.

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

5 Section 1. Short title.

6 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Kelsey Smith
7 Act.

8 Section 2. Definitions.

9 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
10 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
11 context clearly indicates otherwise:

12 "Law enforcement agency." A unit of local or State
13 government that is authorized by law to grant full powers of
14 arrest and to charge a person with the duties of preventing and
15 detecting crime and enforcing the general criminal laws of this
16 Commonwealth.

17 "Wireless device location information." Information

1 indicating the geographical location of a telecommunications
2 device.

3 "Wireless telecommunications service provider." A provider
4 of commercial mobile radio services, as that term is defined in
5 section 332(d) of the Communications Act of 1934 (48 Stat. 1064,
6 47 U.S.C. § 332(d)), including all broadband personal
7 communications services, wireless radio telephone services,
8 geographic area specialized and enhanced specialized mobile
9 radio services and incumbent wide area specialized mobile radio
10 licensees, which offers real-time, two-way voice service
11 interconnected with the public switched telephone network and is
12 doing business in this Commonwealth.

13 "WRITTEN FORM." A FORM APPROVED OR PRESCRIBED BY THE <--
14 ATTORNEY GENERAL THAT INCLUDES ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

15 (1) THE NAME OF THE OFFICER MAKING A REQUEST FOR
16 DISCLOSURE.

17 (2) THE JURISDICTION OF THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY.

18 (3) A DESCRIPTION OF THE REQUEST STATING THE NEED FOR
19 DISCLOSURE.

20 (4) THE SIGNATURE OF THE OFFICER AND A DECLARATION THAT
21 THE DISCLOSURE OF WIRELESS DEVICE LOCATION INFORMATION IS
22 NEEDED IN AN EMERGENCY SITUATION THAT INVOLVES THE RISK OF
23 DEATH OR SERIOUS PHYSICAL HARM TO A PERSON WHO POSSESSES A
24 TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEVICE.

25 Section 3. Disclosure of wireless device location information
26 in emergency situations.

27 (a) Disclosure.--~~Upon~~ NOTWITHSTANDING 18 PA.C.S. § 5713 <--

28 (RELATING TO EMERGENCY SITUATIONS), UPON receipt of a written

29 ~~request~~ FORM from a law enforcement agency ~~stating that the~~ <--

30 ~~disclosure of wireless device location information is needed in~~

1 ~~an emergency situation that involves the risk of death or~~
2 ~~serious physical harm to a person who possesses a~~
3 ~~telecommunications device,~~ a wireless telecommunications service
4 provider shall provide the requested wireless device location
5 information concerning the device to the requesting LAW <--
6 ENFORCEMENT agency.

7 (b) Protocols.--A wireless telecommunications service
8 provider shall establish protocols consistent with this act that
9 govern its response to a request from a law enforcement agency
10 under this section.

11 Section 4. Immunity

12 No cause of action shall lie in any court against a wireless
13 telecommunications service provider, its officers, employees,
14 agents or other specified persons for providing wireless device
15 location information to a law enforcement agency ~~while acting in~~ <--
16 ~~good faith and~~ as required by this act.

17 Section 5. Effective date.

18 This act shall take effect in 60 days.