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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
18 indicating the geographical location of a telecommunications

1 device.

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

12 Section 3. Disclosure of wireless device location information
13 in emergency situations.

14 (a) Disclosure.--Upon receipt of a written request from a
15 law enforcement agency stating that the disclosure of wireless
16 device location information is needed in an emergency situation
17 that involves the risk of death or serious physical harm to a
18 person who possesses a telecommunications device, a wireless
19 telecommunications service provider shall provide the requested
20 wireless device location information concerning the device to
21 the requesting agency.

22 (b) Protocols.--A wireless telecommunications service
23 provider shall establish protocols consistent with this act that
24 govern its response to a request from a law enforcement agency
25 under this section.

26 Section 4. Immunity

27 No cause of action shall lie in any court against a wireless
28 telecommunications service provider, its officers, employees,
29 agents or other specified persons for providing wireless device
30 location information to a law enforcement agency while acting in

- 1 good faith and as required by this act.
- 2 Section 5. Effective date.
- 3 This act shall take effect in 60 days.