

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 449

Introduced by Assembly Member Mitchell

February 15, 2011

An act to add Section 2882 to the Public Utilities Code, relating to telecommunications.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 449, as introduced, Mitchell. Telecommunications: mobile telephony service: emergency contact information.

Under existing law, the Public Utilities Commission has regulatory authority over public utilities, including telephone corporations, as defined.

This bill would require a mobile telephony services provider, upon activation of service, to cause an emergency contact information, as defined, number to be programmed into the subscriber's mobile telephone, unless the subscriber expressly declines, in writing, to have this service performed.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 2882 is added to the Public Utilities Code,
- 2 to read:
- 3 2882. (a) This section may be known and cited as the
- 4 Oberg/James Wireless Communications Emergency Notification
- 5 Act of 2011.

1 (b) Each mobile telephony services provider, upon activation
2 of service, shall cause to be programmed into the subscriber's
3 mobile telephone an emergency contact information number, unless
4 the subscriber expressly declines, in writing, to have this service
5 performed. The emergency contact information number shall be
6 programmed to dial when the letters i, c, and e, representing the
7 first letters in the phrase "In Case of Emergency," are dialed by
8 an emergency responder.

9 (c) For purposes of this section, "emergency contact information
10 number" means a telephone number that is programmed into a
11 mobile telephony services telephone of the first person who should
12 be contacted in the event the person in possession of that telephone
13 is involved in an accident or other emergency that prevents that
14 person from informing emergency responders whom they should
15 contact in the event of an emergency.