

**Introduced by Senator Padilla**

February 20, 2013

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An act relating to communications.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 380, as introduced, Padilla. Communications: service interruptions.

Existing law provides that where a law enforcement official has probable cause to believe that a person is holding hostages and is committing a crime, or is barricaded and is resisting apprehension through the use or threatened use of force, the official may order a previously designated telephone corporation security employee to arrange to cut, reroute, or divert telephone lines, as specified.

This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to prohibit a governmental entity, or a provider of communications service acting at the request of a governmental entity, from interrupting communications service for the purpose of protecting public safety or preventing the use of communications service for an illegal purpose, unless the interruption is authorized by an order signed by a judicial officer, with an exception for an interruption in extreme emergency circumstances.

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

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

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