

Maine

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §2934 is enacted to read: §2934. Multi-line telephone systems

1. **Requirement.** Any privately owned or leased telephone system shall provide to end users the same level of enhanced 9-1-1 services that other end users in the State receive, including:
 - A. Automatic number identification signaling;
 - B. Station identification data; and
 - C. Updates to enhanced 9-1-1 databases.
2. **Compliance.** Compliance with this section is required when activating a new or replaced multi-line telephone system.
3. **Exception; rules.** The bureau may waive the provisions of this section for any privately owned or leased telephone system in accordance with rules adopted by the bureau. Rules adopted by the bureau to implement this section are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

Maine recently passed HB 1056 (LD 1444) that facilitates E-9-1-1 for Multi-line Telephone Systems, and a summary of the bill's contents is below:

Requires privately owned or leased multi-line telephone systems to provide to end users the same level of E-9-1-1 service that non multi-line end users receive (ANI signaling, station identification data and updates to E-9-1-1 databases).

Requires multi-line telephone systems that are newly installed or replaced to be compliant with routine technical rules adopted by the Department of Public Safety, Emergency Services Communication Bureau.

Permits the Department of Public Safety, Emergency Services Communications Bureau to adopt rules to establish requirements for locating emergency calls, and initiating emergency responses to such calls, made from within multi-line telephone systems, including network-based or premises-based systems, whether owned or leased by a public or private entity, such as private branch exchanges or Centrex systems.

Establishes parameters for any such rules, makes them major substantive rules subject to legislative approval and requires them to be approved by the Public Utilities Commission prior to their submission to the Legislature.

Fiscal Impact - Potential future biennium cost increase (General Fund).

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