

time subject to the provision by the Government of the necessary manpower equipment and resources to enable the public to summon and receive services from the emergency services in cases of urgency.

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS) LAW, 1996
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- (c) to give instructions for the dispatch of the necessary numbers of vehicles from the emergency services to attend to the reported emergency,

and the Minister may prescribe the qualifications to be held from time to time by different classes of personnel.

7. (1) A person who sends by means of a telephone system provided in accordance with the principal Law, for the purpose of causing annoyance, inconvenience or needless anxiety to another, a message that he knows to be false or persistently makes use of such a telephone system for that purpose shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars and on a second or subsequent conviction to an order of the Court restraining such person from making further such calls.

Offences

(2) Section 12 of the principal Law is repealed.

8. The Governor in Council may by regulation-

Regulations

- (a) designate the emergency telephone number for use in the Islands; and
- (b) prescribe other services as emergency services that may be summoned by members of the public by using the emergency telephone number.

9. A person who uses the emergency telephone number in any advertising or promotional material unless authorised by or on behalf of the Minister shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding ten thousand dollars.

Unauthorised use of emergency telephone number

10. No action for damages may be brought against the Crown, the Government, the Undertakers, any public officer or any employee of the Undertakers in respect of death, injury or loss incurred by any person occasioned as the result of the operation of the emergency telecommunications system or any malfunction thereof or any action taken or not taken, or performance or non-performance of any of their duties by any public officer, the Undertakers or any employee of the Undertakers.

Exemption from liability

11. Any agreement entered into under section 3 of the principal Law shall be deemed to be amended as from the date of the commencement of this Law to provide that throughout the term of the agreement the Undertakers shall be under a duty to provide an emergency telecommunications system in all respects in accordance with any directions of the Minister given under section 5 from time to

Transitional

“emergency telephone number” means the numeral or numerals that are to be dialled or keyed by the public to enable them to request urgent assistance from the emergency services;

“the Minister” means the minister responsible from time to time for the telephone service;

“the principal Law” means the Telephone Law, 1966;

“Undertakers” has the same meaning as provided by section 2 of the principal Law.

Amendment of section 2

3. Section 2 of the principal Law shall be amended by the addition of the words “and shall include the equipment necessary to enable members of the public to summon the police, fire or emergency ambulance services in case of urgency” after the word “device” in the definition “telephone system”.

Provision of emergency communications system

4. Where an agreement has been entered into under section 3 of the principal Law the Undertakers shall provide an emergency communications system covering the Islands.

Directions to undertakers

5. The Minister shall have power to give directions to the Undertakers as to-

- (a) the design and capacity of the emergency telecommunications system to be provided;
- (b) any associated equipment and facilities to be provided;
- (c) the procedures to be followed in connecting incoming emergency calls to the government emergency telephone operators; and
- (d) the type of equipment that may or may not be used by the subscribers to the telephone system,

and any directions given by the Minister under this section together with a corresponding duty on the part of the Undertakers to comply with such directions shall be deemed to be incorporated into any agreement made under section 3 of the principal Law.

Provision of equipment, etc.

6. The Minister shall provide adequate equipment and numbers of qualified personnel-

- (a) to handle the incoming emergency calls from members of the public;
- (b) to direct all incoming emergency calls to the appropriate emergency services; and

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Law 9 of 1996.

I Assent

JOHN OWEN
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**A LAW TO PROVIDE FOR A TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM TO
ENABLE THE PUBLIC TO COMMUNICATE URGENTLY WITH THE
EMERGENCY SERVICES**

ENACTED by the Legislature of the Cayman Islands.

1. This Law may be cited as the Telephone (Amendment) (Emergency Telecommunications) Law, 1996. Short title

2. In this Law unless the context otherwise requires- Definitions

“Department” means the Department of Communications;

“emergency communications system” means the provision of the necessary switching and equipment to enable any person through the telephone system without payment to communicate as quickly as possible with the emergency services;

“emergency services” means the police, fire and emergency ambulance services and such other services as may be prescribed by the Governor in Council;