

By: Representative Roberson

To: Accountability,
Efficiency, Transparency

HOUSE BILL NO. 138

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 19-5-319, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO REQUIRE A PUBLIC BODY TO TRANSCRIBE AND RELEASE ANY EMERGENCY
3 TELEPHONE CALL TO THE PUBLIC UPON REQUEST; TO PROVIDE THAT SUCH
4 TRANSCRIPT SHALL BE REDACTED OF ANY IDENTIFYING INFORMATION
5 PERTAINING TO THE SUBJECT OF AN EMERGENCY CALL; AND FOR RELATED
6 PURPOSES.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

8 **SECTION 1.** Section 19-5-319, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
9 amended as follows:

10 19-5-319. (1) Automatic number identification (ANI),
11 automatic location identification (ALI) and geographic automatic
12 location identification (GeoALI) information that consist of the
13 name, address and telephone number of telephone or wireless
14 subscribers shall be confidential, and the dissemination of the
15 information contained in the 911 automatic number and location
16 database is prohibited except for the following purpose: The
17 information will be provided to the Public Safety Answering Point
18 (PSAP) on a call-by-call basis only for the purpose of handling
19 emergency calls or for training, and any permanent record of the
20 information shall be secured by the Public Safety Answering Point



21 (PSAP) and disposed of in a manner which will retain that
22 security, except upon court order or subpoena from a court of
23 competent jurisdiction or as otherwise provided by law.

24 (2) All emergency telephone calls and telephone call
25 transmissions received pursuant to Section 19-5-301 et seq., and
26 all recordings of the emergency telephone calls, shall remain
27 confidential and shall be used only for the purposes as may be
28 needed for law enforcement, fire, medical rescue or other
29 emergency services. These recordings shall not be released to any
30 other parties without court order or subpoena from a court of
31 competent jurisdiction. A public body, as defined under Section
32 25-61-3, shall transcribe and release a transcript of any
33 emergency telephone call to the public upon request. The identity
34 of any caller or person or persons who are the subject of any
35 call, or the address, phone number or other identifying
36 information about any such person, shall be redacted from any
37 transcript. Any fee associated with transcribing an emergency
38 telephone call shall be consistent with fees charged under the
39 Mississippi Public Records Act of 1983. A transcription may be
40 set up by the requesting party at his or her expense.

41 (3) PSAP and emergency response entities shall maintain and,
42 upon request, release a record of the date of call, time of call,
43 the time the emergency response entity was notified, and the
44 identity of the emergency response entity. The emergency response
45 entity shall maintain and, upon request, release a record of the



46 date and time the call was received by the emergency response
47 entity and the time the emergency response entity arrived on the
48 scene. Requests for release of records must be made in writing
49 and must specify the information desired. Requestors shall pay
50 the cost of providing the information requested in accordance with
51 the Mississippi Public Records Act of 1983, Section 25-61-1 et
52 seq. The identity of any caller or person or persons who are the
53 subject of any call, or the address, phone number or other
54 identifying information about any such person, shall not be
55 released except as provided in subsection (2) of this section.

56 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
57 and after July 1, 2024.

