

Kari's Law

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The Facts

Kari's Law & RAY BAUM'S Act – signed into law in 2018

Kari's Law – mandates that MLTS are preconfigured such that a user may dial 911 without first dialing any additional digit, code, prefix or post-fix, even if the MLTS otherwise requires it for other calls outside its system.

Ray BAUM's Act – Section 506 requires 911 calls to provide a “dispatchable location”. A dispatchable location includes a street address, but should also include more granular information such as building number, floor, suite, room, or other available relevant location information that can best assist first responders in an emergency.

Applicability

- **Any multi-line telephone system that is manufactured, imported, offered for first sale or lease, first sold or leased or installed after February 16, 2020.**
- **Obligation of installers, managers, or operators:**
 - A person engaged in the business of installing managing, or operating multi-line telephone systems may not install, manage, or operate for use in the United States such a system, unless such system is configured such that a user may directly initiate a call to 911 from any station equipped with dialing facilities, without dialing any digit, code, prefix, or post-fix, including any trunk-access code such as the digit 9, regardless of whether the user is required to dial such a digit, code, prefix, or post-fix for other calls.
 - A person engaged in the business of installing, managing, or operating such a system for use in the United States, configure the system to provide MLTS notification to a central location at the facility where the system is installed or to another person or organization regardless of location, if the system is able to be configured to provide the notification without an improvement to the hardware or software of the system.

Definitions

Person engaged in the business of *installing* an MLTS: A person that configures the MLTS or performs other tasks involved in getting the system ready to operate.

Person engaged in the business of *managing* an MLTS: The entity that is responsible for controlling and overseeing implementation of the MLTS after installation.

Person engaged in the business of *operating* an MLTS: A person responsible for the day-to-day operation of the MLTS.

Deadlines

Kari's Law – February 16, 2020

Ray BAUM's Act – January 6, 2020

Any business or agency who does not comply could face a fine up to \$10,000 in addition to other penalties, including a daily fine of up to \$500 each day they are found not in compliance.

<https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/DOC-358435A1.pdf>

What will you do?

Good Faith

Capacity

Additional Resources

<https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/DOC-358435A1.pdf>

<https://www.bandwidth.com/blog/karis-law-compliance-mlts-911-and-what-that-means-for-your-business/>

<https://www.com-strat.com/karis-law-goes-into-effect-february-16-2020-is-your-organization-compliant/>

Questions

Thank you!

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