

AN ACT

Bill 19-139
Act 19-578
effective
December 21,
2012

Codification
District of
Columbia
Official Code
2001 Edition

911 Purity
Amendment
Act of 2012

New
§ 1-327.56a

To amend the Office of Unified Communications Establishment Act of 2004 to clarify that the 911 number is to be used for emergency calls only, and to require the Mayor to publicize this exclusive use to the public.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “911 Purity Amendment Act of 2012”.

Sec. 2. The Office of Unified Communications Establishment Act of 2004, effective December 7, 2004 (D.C. Law 15-205; D.C. Official Code §1-327.51 *et seq.*), is amended by adding a new section 3207a to read as follows:

“Sec. 3207a. Authorized use of 911.

“(a) The District’s 911 call system shall be reserved exclusively for emergency calls.

“(b) The Mayor shall not use the 911 call system for administrative purposes, for placing outgoing calls, or for receiving non-emergency calls.

“(c) Upon the effective date of the 911 Purity Amendment Act of 2012, passed on 2nd reading on December 4, 2012 (Enrolled version of Bill 19-139), the Mayor shall publicize that the 911 call system shall be used exclusively for emergency calls. Any current or future publication or outreach conducted by the Mayor related to the 911 call system shall comply with the requirements of this section.”.

Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal impact statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(3)).

Sec. 4. Effective date.

This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of Congressional review as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of Columbia Register.