

CHAPTER 2

AN ACT concerning wireless telephones and electronic communication devices issued by public entities and supplementing P.L.2002, c.129 (C.52:17B-194.1 et seq.).

BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

C.52:17B-194.3a Definitions relative to wireless telephones, electronic communication devices issued by public entities.

1. As used in this act:

“National Wireless Amber Alerts Initiative” means the voluntary partnership between the wireless industry, the United States Department of Justice, and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children to distribute Amber Alert text messages to wireless subscribers who register to receive the messages and are able to receive text messages on their wireless telephones or electronic communication devices.

“Public entity” means the State and any county, municipality, district, or political subdivision and any authority, agency, board, or body thereof that, on the effective date of P.L.2011, c.2 (C.52:17B-194.3a et seq.), is under contract with a wireless telephone company providing commercial mobile service as defined in 47 U.S.C. s.332 (d) that participates in the national Wireless Amber Alerts Initiative.

C.52:17B-194.3b Receipt of wireless Amber Alert text messages by officer, employee of public entity.

2. Every officer or employee of a public entity who possesses a wireless telephone or electronic communication device which is issued by a public entity, is capable of receiving text messages, and is enrolled in or subscribed to a service or plan that enables the telephone or device to receive text messages shall subscribe with the national Wireless Amber Alerts Initiative to receive wireless Amber Alert text messages. The officer or employee shall, at a minimum, enroll the wireless telephone or electronic communication device in the initiative to receive wireless Amber Alert text messages for a zip code that corresponds to the city of his permanent residence and of his primary place of business. In the event that the officer or employee is not authorized to manage the account for the wireless telephone or electronic communication device issued by a public entity, such officer or employee shall request the administrator of the account to enroll the wireless telephone or electronic communication device to receive Amber Alert text messages in accordance with the provisions of this act.

3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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