

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WORCESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND
BILL 21-6

BY: Commissioners Bertino, Bunting, Church, Elder, Mitrecic, Nordstrom, and Purnell

INTRODUCED: May 18, 2021

A legislative bill for the purpose of implementing Md. Code, Public Safety § 1-314 (known as “Kari’s Law”) to require that multiple-line telephone systems allow for direct dialing via 9-1-1.

- I. **Be It Enacted by the County Commissioners of Worcester County, Maryland**, that Title PS6 (Emergency Services) of the County Government Article of the Code of Public Local Laws of Worcester County, Maryland is amended to add the following provisions:

Title PS6, Emergency Services, Subtitle III

Multiple-Line Telephone Systems—Direct Dial

§ PS 6-301. General Provisions.

- (a) Definitions. “Multiple-line telephone system” means a system that:
- (1) consists of common control units, telephone sets, control hardware and software, and adjunct systems, including network and premises-based systems; and
 - (2) is designed to aggregate more than one incoming voice communication channel for use by more than one telephone.
- (b) Requirements. A person that installs or operates a multiple-line telephone system must ensure that the system is connected to the public switched telephone network in such a way that when an individual using the system dials 9-1-1, the call connects to the public safety answering point without requiring the user to dial any other number or set of numbers.
- (c) Violations. Any person who violates the provisions of this Subtitle will be guilty of a civil infraction. The County Commissioners will determine by resolution the amount of the fine and the department responsible for enforcement.

- II. **Be It Further Enacted by the County Commissioners of Worcester County, Maryland** that this Bill will take effect 45 days from the date of its passage.

PASSED this _____ day of _____, 2021.

Attest:

**County Commissioners of
Worcester County, Maryland**

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**NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF BILL 21-6
WORCESTER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Take Notice that Bill 21-6 (Public Safety – Kari’s Law) was introduced by Commissioners Bertino, Bunting, Church, Elder, Mitrecic, Nordstrom and Purnell on May 18, 2021.

A fair summary of the bill is as follows:

§ PS 6-301 A legislative bill for the purpose of implementing MD. Code, Public Safety § 1-314 (known as “Kari’s Law”) to require that multiple-line telephone systems allow for direct dialing via 9-1-1.

A Public Hearing

will be held on Bill 21-6 at the Commissioners’ Meeting Room, Room 1101 – Government Center, One West Market Street, Snow Hill, Maryland on **Tuesday, July 20, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.**

This is only a fair summary of the bill. A full copy of the bill is posted on the Legislative Bulletin Board in the main hall of the Worcester County Government Center outside Room 1103, is available for public inspection in Room 1103 of the Worcester County Government Center, and a full copy of the bill is available on the County Website at www.co.worcester.md.us.

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