

Senate Bill 513

By: Senators Wiles of the 37th, Rogers of the 21st, Hill of the 32nd and Chapman of the 3rd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 8 of Title 7 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to safe use  
2 of remote service terminals (ATMs), so as to require the use of 9-1-1 emergency call  
3 capability; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal  
4 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Chapter 8 of Title 7 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to safe use of remote  
8 service terminals (ATMs), is amended by adding a new Code section, immediately following  
9 Code Section 7-8-4, relating to notices to remote service terminal customers of basic safety  
10 precautions, to read as follows:

11 "7-8-4.1.

12 (a) The General Assembly hereby finds that remote service terminal (ATM) withdrawals  
13 made under duress are a peculiar danger to the public generally and to the users of remote  
14 service terminals in particular.

15 (b) Where 9-1-1 emergency service is available, a remote service terminal (ATM) shall  
16 contain a dedicated voice telephone line operable by a single switch that establishes an  
17 immediate connection to the available 9-1-1 emergency service. The switch shall be  
18 activated through the use of remote service terminal (ATM) access device.

19 (c) Each remote service terminal (ATM) shall have displayed, in a conspicuous place, a  
20 warning notice that any person who knowingly makes a false alarm or places a call through  
21 the 9-1-1 emergency telephone system without the purpose of reporting the need for 9-1-1  
22 service shall be subject to criminal prosecution for an offense which shall be punishable  
23 by a fine of \$500.00, or imprisonment for a minimum of no less than six months, or both."

**SECTION 2.**

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2 This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2007, and shall be applied to all transactions  
3 conducted on or after that date.

**SECTION 3.**

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5 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.