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HOUSE BILL 95

Short Title: Immunity/Public Safety Dispatchers. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Torbett (Primary Sponsor).

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Referred to: Judiciary Subcommittee A.

February 13, 2013

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE GOVERNMENTAL IMMUNITY FOR PUBLIC SAFETY
3 TELECOMMUNICATORS AND DISPATCHERS.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** Chapter 99E of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new
6 Article to read:

7 "Article 5.

8 "Liability for Public Safety Telecommunicators and Dispatchers.

9 **"§ 99E-41. Immunity.**

10 (a) Any persons acting within the capacity of a 911 or public safety telecommunicator
11 or dispatcher at a primary or secondary public safety answering point shall have the immunities
12 of a sworn law enforcement officer for the performance of any lawful and prescribed actions
13 associated with their assigned job duties. For purposes of this Article, "public safety answering
14 point" (PSAP) shall be defined as in G.S. 62-40.

15 (b) Any civil claim against a 911 or public safety telecommunicator or dispatcher at a
16 primary or secondary PSAP allegedly arising from the action or inaction of the
17 telecommunicator or dispatcher shall be filed within two years of the date of the occurrence or
18 be forever barred."

19 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to any cause of
20 action arising on or after that date.

