An Act To Ensure Caller Access to E-9-1-1 Call Recordings

Reference to the Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology suggested and ordered printed.

Presented by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin.
Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1.  25 MRSA §2929, sub-§4, ¶C-1, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 153, §4, is amended to read:

C-1.  To a person accused of a crime or that person's agent or attorney for trial and sentencing purposes if authorized by:

   (1)  The responsible prosecutorial office or prosecutor; or

   (2)  A rule or order of a court of competent jurisdiction.

As used in this paragraph, "agent" means a licensed professional investigator or an expert witness, or a parent, foster parent or guardian if the accused person has not attained 18 years of age; and

Sec. 2.  25 MRSA §2929, sub-§4, ¶D, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 291, §3, is amended to read:

D.  In accordance with an order issued on a finding of good cause by a court of competent jurisdiction; and

Sec. 3.  25 MRSA §2929, sub-§4, ¶E is enacted to read:

E.  To the person who made the call or the person's attorney upon request of the person or the person's attorney.

SUMMARY

This bill allows disclosure of an audio recording of an E-9-1-1 call to the person who made the call or the person's attorney.