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5 FAM 520 TELEPHONE SERVICES AND 580 WIRELESS INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

CHANGES

1. Subchapter 5 FAM 520 has been changed. Policies and regulations regarding cordless/wireless telephones, pagers, and wireless ancillary telephone equipment have been amended. There are also two subparagraphs amending the cellular telephone policies. Subchapter 580 has been added to address the use of wireless communications technology.
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