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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 5528

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 5528 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the First
5 Informer Broadcasters Act.

6 Section 5. Definitions.

7 "Broadcaster" means a radio broadcasting station, cable
8 operator, or other video service provider or television
9 broadcasting station primarily engaged in, and deriving income
10 from, the business of facilitating speech via over-the-air
11 communications, both as to pure speech and commercial speech.

12 "First informer broadcaster" means a person who has been
13 certified as a first informer broadcaster pursuant to Section
14 15 of this Act.

15 Section 10. Broadcasters. Broadcasters in this State

1 shall, in cooperation with the Illinois Emergency Management
2 Agency and the Illinois Broadcasters Association, or its
3 successor organization, develop comprehensive, coordinated
4 plans for preparing for and responding appropriately to an
5 emergency or disaster.

6 Section 15. First informer broadcasters; training and
7 certification.

8 (a) Any Statewide organization, or any member of a
9 Statewide organization, that represents broadcasters, cable
10 television communications, or any other provider that uses
11 emerging technologies may establish a program for training and
12 certifying broadcast engineers and technical personnel as
13 first informer broadcasters. Each program established pursuant
14 to this subsection must:

15 (i) be consistent with federal law and guidelines;

16 (ii) provide training and education concerning
17 restoring, repairing and resupplying any facilities and
18 equipment of a broadcaster in an area affected by an
19 emergency or disaster; and

20 (iii) provide training and education concerning the
21 personal safety of a first informer broadcaster in an area
22 affected by an emergency or disaster.

23 (b) To the extent practicable and consistent with not
24 endangering public safety or inhibiting recovery efforts,
25 State and local governmental agencies shall allow a first

1 informer broadcaster access to an area affected by an emergency
2 or disaster for the purpose of restoring, repairing, or
3 resupplying any facility or equipment critical to the ability
4 of a broadcaster to acquire, produce, and transmit essential
5 emergency or disaster-related public information programming,
6 including, without limitation, repairing and maintaining
7 transmitters and generators, and transporting fuel for
8 generators.

9 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
10 becoming law.".