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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 5528

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

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

7 Section 5. Definitions.

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

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

1 Section 10. Broadcasters. Broadcasters in this State may,
2 in cooperation with the Illinois Emergency Management Agency
3 and the Illinois Broadcasters Association, or its successor
4 organization, develop comprehensive, coordinated plans for
5 preparing for and responding appropriately to an emergency or
6 disaster.

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

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

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

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

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

24 (b) To the extent practicable and consistent with not
25 endangering public safety or inhibiting recovery efforts,

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

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