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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) The Illinois Broadcasters Association, or its
9 successor organization, the Cable Television and
10 Communications Association of Illinois, or its successor
11 organization, any member of the Illinois Broadcasters
12 Association, Cable Television and Communications Association
13 of Illinois, or its successor organization, and any other
14 provider of emergency broadcasts, including, without
15 limitation, a provider who uses emerging technologies, may
16 establish a program for training and certifying broadcast
17 engineers and technical personnel as first response
18 broadcasters. Each program established pursuant to this
19 subsection must:

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

21 (ii) provide training and education concerning
22 restoring, repairing and resupplying any facilities and
23 equipment of a broadcaster in an area affected by an
24 emergency or disaster; and

25 (iii) provide training and education concerning the

1 personal safety of a first informer broadcaster in an area
2 affected by an emergency or disaster.

3 (b) To the extent practicable and consistent with not
4 endangering public safety or inhibiting recovery efforts,
5 State and local governmental agencies shall allow a first
6 informer broadcaster access to an area affected by an emergency
7 or disaster for the purpose of restoring, repairing, or
8 resupplying any facility or equipment critical to the ability
9 of a broadcaster to acquire, produce, and transmit essential
10 emergency or disaster-related public information programming,
11 including, without limitation, repairing and maintaining
12 transmitters and generators, and transporting fuel for
13 generators.

14 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
15 becoming law.".