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# H. R. 1250

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## AN ACT

To direct the Federal Communications Commission to issue reports after activation of the Disaster Information Reporting System and to make improvements to network outage reporting.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Emergency Reporting  
3 Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. REPORTS AFTER ACTIVATION OF DISASTER INFOR-**  
5 **MATION REPORTING SYSTEM; IMPROVE-**  
6 **MENTS TO NETWORK OUTAGE REPORTING.**

7 (a) **REPORTS AFTER ACTIVATION OF DISASTER IN-**  
8 **FORMATION REPORTING SYSTEM.—**

9 (1) **PRELIMINARY REPORT.—**

10 (A) **IN GENERAL.—**Not later than 6 weeks  
11 after the deactivation of the Disaster Informa-  
12 tion Reporting System with respect to an event  
13 for which the System was activated for at least  
14 7 days, the Commission shall issue a prelimi-  
15 nary report on, with respect to such event and  
16 to the extent known—

17 (i) the number and duration of any  
18 outages of—

19 (I) broadband internet access  
20 service;

21 (II) interconnected VoIP service;

22 (III) commercial mobile service;

23 and

24 (IV) commercial mobile data  
25 service;

1 (ii) the approximate number of users  
2 or the amount of communications infra-  
3 structure potentially affected by an outage  
4 described in clause (i);

5 (iii) the number and duration of any  
6 outages at public safety answering points  
7 that prevent public safety answering points  
8 from receiving emergency calls and routing  
9 such calls to emergency service personnel;  
10 and

11 (iv) any additional information deter-  
12 mined appropriate by the Commission.

13 (B) DEVELOPMENT OF REPORT.—The  
14 Commission shall develop the report required by  
15 subparagraph (A) using information collected  
16 by the Commission, including information col-  
17 lected by the Commission through the System.

18 (2) PUBLIC FIELD HEARINGS.—

19 (A) REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 8  
20 months after the deactivation of the Disaster  
21 Information Reporting System with respect to  
22 an event for which the System was activated for  
23 at least 7 days, the Commission shall hold at  
24 least 1 public field hearing in the area affected  
25 by such event.

1 (B) INCLUSION OF CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS  
2 IN HEARINGS.—For each public field hearing  
3 held under subparagraph (A), the Commission  
4 shall consider including—

5 (i) representatives of State govern-  
6 ment, local government, or Indian Tribal  
7 governments in areas affected by such  
8 event;

9 (ii) residents of the areas affected by  
10 such event, or consumer advocates;

11 (iii) providers of communications serv-  
12 ices affected by such event;

13 (iv) faculty of institutions of higher  
14 education;

15 (v) representatives of other Federal  
16 agencies;

17 (vi) electric utility providers;

18 (vii) communications infrastructure  
19 companies; and

20 (viii) first responders, emergency  
21 managers, or 9–1–1 directors in areas af-  
22 fected by such event.

23 (3) FINAL REPORT.—Not later than 12 months  
24 after the deactivation of the Disaster Information  
25 Reporting System with respect to an event for which

1 the System was activated for at least 7 days, the  
2 Commission shall issue a final report that includes,  
3 with respect to such event—

4 (A) the information described under para-  
5 graph (1)(A); and

6 (B) any recommendations of the Commis-  
7 sion on how to improve the resiliency of af-  
8 fected communications or networks recovery ef-  
9 forts.

10 (4) DEVELOPMENT OF REPORTS.—In devel-  
11 oping a report required under this subsection, the  
12 Commission shall consider information collected by  
13 the Commission, including information collected by  
14 the Commission through the System, and any public  
15 hearing described in paragraph (2) with respect to  
16 the applicable event.

17 (5) PUBLICATION.—The Commission shall pub-  
18 lish each report, excluding information that is other-  
19 wise exempt from public disclosure under the rules  
20 of the Commission, issued under this subsection on  
21 the website of the Commission upon the issuance of  
22 such report.

23 (b) IMPROVEMENTS TO NETWORK OUTAGE REPORT-  
24 ING.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enact-  
25 ment of this Act, the Commission shall conduct a pro-

1 ceeding and, after public notice and an opportunity for  
2 comment, adopt rules to—

3           (1) determine the circumstances under which to  
4           require service providers subject to the 9–1–1 regu-  
5           lations established under part 9 of title 47, Code of  
6           Federal Regulations, to submit a timely notification,  
7           (in an easily accessible format that facilities situa-  
8           tional awareness) to public safety answering points  
9           regarding communications service disruptions within  
10          the assigned territories of such public safety answer-  
11          ing points that prevent—

12                   (A) the origination of 9–1–1 calls;

13                   (B) the delivery of Automatic Location In-  
14          formation; or

15                   (C) Automatic Number Identification;

16          (2) require such notifications to be made; and

17          (3) specify the appropriate timing of such noti-  
18          fication.

19          (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

20                  (1) AUTOMATIC LOCATION INFORMATION;

21          AUTOMATIC NUMBER IDENTIFICATION.—The terms

22          “Automatic Location Information” and “Automatic

23          Number Identification” have the meaning given

24          those terms in section 9.3 of title 47, Code of Fed-

25          eral Regulations, or any successor regulation.

1           (2) BROADBAND INTERNET ACCESS SERVICE.—  
2           The term “broadband internet access service” has  
3           the meaning given such term in section 8.1(b) of  
4           title 47, Code of Federal Regulations, or any suc-  
5           cessor regulation.

6           (3) COMMERCIAL MOBILE SERVICE.—The term  
7           “commercial mobile service” has the meaning given  
8           such term in section 332(d) of the Communications  
9           Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 332(d)).

10          (4) COMMERCIAL MOBILE DATA SERVICE.—The  
11          term “commercial mobile data service” has the  
12          meaning given such term in section 6001 of the Mid-  
13          dle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012  
14          (47 U.S.C. 1401).

15          (5) COMMISSION.—The term “Commission”  
16          means the Federal Communications Commission.

17          (6) INDIAN TRIBAL GOVERNMENT; LOCAL GOV-  
18          ERNMENT.—The terms “Indian Tribal government”  
19          and “Indian Tribal Government” have the meaning  
20          given those terms in section 102 of the Robert T.  
21          Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance  
22          Act (42 U.S.C. 5121).

23          (7) INTERCONNECTED VOIP SERVICE.—The  
24          term “interconnected VoIP service” has the meaning

1 given such term in section 3 of the Communications  
2 Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 153).

3 (8) PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINT.—The  
4 term “public safety answering point” has the mean-  
5 ing given such term in section 222 of the Commu-  
6 nications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 222).

7 (9) STATE.—The term “State” has the mean-  
8 ing given such term in section 3 of the Communica-  
9 tions Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 153).

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Attest:

*Clerk.*





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