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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.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. MATSUI (for herself, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. THOMPSON of California, and Mr. HUFFMAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## A BILL

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

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Emergency Reporting  
5       Act”.

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

4 (a) REPORTS AFTER ACTIVATION OF DISASTER IN-  
5 FORMATION REPORTING SYSTEM.—

6 (1) PRELIMINARY REPORT.—

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

14 (i) the number and duration of any  
15 outages of—

16 (I) broadband internet access  
17 service;

18 (II) interconnected VoIP service;

19 (III) commercial mobile service;

20 and

21 (IV) commercial mobile data  
22 service;

23 (ii) the approximate number of users  
24 or the amount of communications infra-  
25 structure potentially affected by an outage  
26 described in clause (i);

1 (iii) the number and duration of any  
2 outages at public safety answering points  
3 that prevent public safety answering points  
4 from receiving emergency calls and routing  
5 such calls to emergency service personnel;  
6 and

7 (iv) any additional information deter-  
8 mined appropriate by the Commission.

9 (B) DEVELOPMENT OF REPORT.—The  
10 Commission shall develop the report required by  
11 subparagraph (A) using information collected  
12 by the Commission, including information col-  
13 lected by the Commission through the System.

14 (2) PUBLIC FIELD HEARINGS.—

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

22 (B) INCLUSION OF CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS  
23 IN HEARINGS.—For each public field hearing  
24 held under subparagraph (A), the Commission  
25 shall consider including—

1 (i) representatives of State govern-  
2 ment, local government, or Indian Tribal  
3 governments in areas affected by such  
4 event;

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

7 (iii) providers of communications serv-  
8 ices affected by such event;

9 (iv) faculty of institutions of higher  
10 education;

11 (v) representatives of other Federal  
12 agencies;

13 (vi) electric utility providers;

14 (vii) communications infrastructure  
15 companies; and

16 (viii) first responders, emergency  
17 managers, or 9–1–1 directors in areas af-  
18 fected by such event.

19 (3) FINAL REPORT.—Not later than 12 months  
20 after the deactivation of the Disaster Information  
21 Reporting System with respect to an event for which  
22 the System was activated for at least 7 days, the  
23 Commission shall issue a final report that includes,  
24 with respect to such event—

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

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

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

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

20 (b) IMPROVEMENTS TO NETWORK OUTAGE REPORT-  
21 ING.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enact-  
22 ment of this Act, the Commission shall conduct a pro-  
23 ceeding and, after public notice and an opportunity for  
24 comment, adopt rules to—

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

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

11                   (B) the delivery of Automatic Location In-  
12           formation; or

13                   (C) Automatic Number Identification;

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

15           (3) specify the appropriate timing of such noti-  
16           fication.

17           (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

18                   (1) AUTOMATIC LOCATION INFORMATION;  
19           AUTOMATIC NUMBER IDENTIFICATION.—The terms  
20           “Automatic Location Information” and “Automatic  
21           Number Identification” have the meaning given  
22           those terms in section 9.3 of title 47, Code of Fed-  
23           eral Regulations, or any successor regulation.

24                   (2) BROADBAND INTERNET ACCESS SERVICE.—

25           The term “broadband internet access service” has

1 the meaning given such term in section 8.1(b) of  
2 title 47, Code of Federal Regulations, or any suc-  
3 cessor regulation.

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

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

13 (5) COMMISSION.—The term “Commission”  
14 means the Federal Communications Commission.

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

21 (7) INTERCONNECTED VOIP SERVICE.—The  
22 term “interconnected VoIP service” has the meaning  
23 given such term in section 3 of the Communications  
24 Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 153).

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

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

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