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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

