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92ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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AN ACT

To repeal section 37.250, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to the Missouri Uniform Communications Act for Homeland Security.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 37.250, RSMo, is repealed and two new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 34.167 and 650.030, to read as follows:

34.167. All purchases made by the commissioner of administration for wireless communication products for public safety shall meet the standards set forth by the public safety communications committee for wireless communications programs.

650.030. 1. This section shall be know and may be cited as the "Missouri Uniform Communications Act for Homeland Security".

2. The general assembly resolves that it is the public policy of this state to promote effective, ubiquitous, and interoperable public safety communications in real time and on demand between all personnel of all state and local agencies, and the development of necessary communications capabilities and procedures needed to provide assured emergency response, and to minimize the response time for first responders to emergency or disastrous situations.

3. There is hereby created the "Public Safety Communications Committee", to be composed of:

- (1) The director of the department of public safety or the director's designee;**
- (2) The director of the office of homeland security or the director's designee;**
- (3) The director of the department of conservation or the director's designee; and**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law. Matter in boldface type in the above law is proposed language.

14 **(4) The director of the department of transportation or the director's designee.**

15 **4. All public safety agencies, including any local, state, or other political**
16 **subdivision, which provides public safety services or emergency services, including but not**
17 **limited to fire protection, law enforcement, emergency medical services, or other**
18 **emergency response services for public safety or public service, shall submit a plan to the**
19 **committee for approval when requesting state funds or federal funds disbursed by the state**
20 **for wireless communication programs.**

21 **5. The committee shall examine all funding requests for wireless communications**
22 **programs and proposals to identify and evaluate interoperability. Requisite**
23 **interoperability elements shall be included if proposals are to receive further consideration.**

24 **6. The committee shall draw upon Missouri's state interoperability executive**
25 **committee, as recognized by the Federal Communication Commission, to make**
26 **recommendations as it deems appropriate to maintain and enhance interoperable public**
27 **safety wireless communications.**

28 **7. Any state or federal funds used to make purchases not in compliance with the**
29 **plan approved by the public safety communications committee may be subject to civil**
30 **sanctions by the committee, including repayment of funds to the state.**

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2 [37.250. 1. The general assembly declares it is the public
3 policy of this state to determine the most cost-effective systems to
4 provide ubiquitous coverage of the state transparent communications
5 between all members of all using agencies, and the necessary E911
6 capability to provide assured emergency response, and to reduce the
7 response time for emergency or disastrous situations.

8 2. There is hereby created a committee on state-operated
9 wireless communication systems to be composed of:

10 (1) The commissioner of administration or a designee;

11 (2) The director of the department of public safety or a
12 designee;

13 (3) The director of the department of conservation or a
14 designee; and

15 (4) The chief engineer of the department of transportation or
16 a designee.

17 3. The committee shall examine existing programs and
18 proposals for development or expansion to identify duplication in
19 resource allocation of wireless communication systems. The
20 committee shall submit a report to the general assembly by August
21 30, 1998, in which it identifies opportunities for cost savings,
22 increased efficiency and improved services for Missouri's citizens.
The committee shall review the state's purchasing law and may

23 recommend such changes to chapter 34, RSMo, as it deems
24 appropriate to maintain and enhance the state's wireless
25 communication system. The committee may make such other
26 recommendations as it deems appropriate and shall identify the costs
27 associated with each such recommendation.]