

House _____ Amendment NO. _____

Offered By _____

1 AMEND House Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 1200, Page 1, Section A, Line 2, by
2 inserting immediately after said line:

3 "190.275. 1. This section shall be known and may be cited as the "First Informer
4 Broadcasters Act".

5 2. As used in this section, the following terms shall mean:

6 (1) "Broadcaster", a radio broadcasting station or television broadcasting station licensed by
7 the Federal Communications Commission and subject to participation in the Emergency Alert
8 System (EAS), and is primarily engaged in and deriving income from the business of facilitating
9 speech via over-the-air-communications, both as pure speech and commercial speech;

10 (2) "Informer", a person who has been certified as a first informer broadcaster under this
11 section.

12 3. Broadcasters in this state may, in cooperation with the Missouri state emergency
13 management agency, the Missouri Police Chiefs Association, the Missouri Sheriffs' Association, and
14 the Missouri Broadcasters Association or its successor organization, develop comprehensive
15 coordinated plans for preparing for and responding appropriately to an emergency or disaster.

16 4. Any statewide organization or any member of a statewide organization that represents
17 broadcasters or any other provider that uses emerging technologies may establish a program for
18 training and certifying broadcast engineers, technical personnel, and news gathering personnel as
19 first informer broadcasters. Upon completion of the program, broadcasters shall receive statewide
20 recognized credentials to certify that such broadcasters are first informers. Each program established
21 under this section shall provide training and education concerning:

22 (1) Restoring, repairing, and resupplying any facilities and equipment of a broadcaster in an
23 area affected by an emergency or disaster;

24 (2) Coordinating between news gathering personnel and state and local governmental
25 agencies with respect to gathering and dissemination of news and public safety information,
26 warnings, and directions; and

27 (3) The personal safety of a first informer broadcaster in an area affected by an emergency or
28 disaster.

29 5. To the extent practicable and consistent with not endangering public safety or inhibiting
30 recovery efforts, state and local governmental agencies shall allow first informer broadcaster access
31 to areas affected by an emergency or disaster for the purposes of:

32 (1) Restoring, repairing, or resupplying any facility or equipment critical to the ability of a
33 broadcaster to acquire, produce, and transmit essential emergency or disaster-related public
34 information programming, including without limitation repairing and maintaining transmitters and
35 generators, and transporting fuel for generators;

36 (2) Obtaining news, information, photographs, and public safety information, warnings, and

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1 directions."; and

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3 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references
4 accordingly.