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[Report No. 119-597]

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Ms. MATSUI (for herself and Mr. BILIRAKIS) introduced the following 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”.

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

9 (a) REPORTS AFTER ACTIVATION OF DISASTER IN-
10 FORMATION REPORTING SYSTEM.—

11 (1) PUBLIC HEARINGS.—

12 (A) REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 1
13 year after the date of the enactment of this Act,
14 and annually thereafter, the Commission shall
15 hold not less than 1 public hearing relating to
16 all events during the preceding 1-year period
17 for which the System was activated for not less
18 than 7 days.

19 (B) INCLUSION OF CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS
20 IN HEARINGS.—For each public hearing held
21 under subparagraph (A), the Commission shall
22 consider including—

23 (i) representatives of State govern-
24 ments, local governments, or Indian tribal

1 governments in areas affected by such
2 events;

3 (ii) residents of the areas affected by
4 such events, or consumer advocates;

5 (iii) providers of communications serv-
6 ices affected by such events;

7 (iv) faculty of institutions of higher
8 education;

9 (v) representatives of other Federal
10 agencies;

11 (vi) electric utility providers;

12 (vii) communications infrastructure
13 companies; and

14 (viii) first responders, emergency
15 managers, or 9–1–1 directors in areas af-
16 fected by such events.

17 (2) REPORTS.—Not later than 120 days after
18 the date on which a public hearing held under para-
19 graph (1) concludes, the Commission shall issue a
20 report that includes, with respect to the events to
21 which such hearing relates and to the extent known
22 without requiring the collection of additional infor-
23 mation—

24 (A) the number and duration of any out-
25 ages of—

- 1 (i) broadband internet access service;
2 (ii) interconnected VoIP service;
3 (iii) commercial mobile service; and
4 (iv) commercial mobile data service;

5 (B) the approximate number of users and
6 the amount of communications infrastructure
7 potentially affected by an outage described in
8 subparagraph (A);

9 (C) the number and duration of any out-
10 ages that prevent emergency communications
11 centers from receiving caller location or number
12 information or receiving emergency calls and
13 routing such calls to emergency service per-
14 sonnel; and

15 (D) any recommendations of the Commis-
16 sion on how to improve the resiliency of af-
17 fected communications services or networks.

18 (3) DEVELOPMENT OF REPORTS.—In devel-
19 oping a report required by paragraph (2), the Com-
20 mission shall consider information collected by the
21 Commission with respect to the events to which such
22 report relates, including information collected
23 through the System and the relevant public hearing.

24 (4) PUBLICATION OF REPORTS.—

1 (A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in
2 subparagraph (B), the Commission shall pub-
3 lish each report required by paragraph (2) on
4 the website of the Commission upon the
5 issuance of such report.

6 (B) EXCLUSION.—In publishing a report
7 under subparagraph (A), the Commission shall
8 exclude information that is otherwise exempt
9 from public disclosure under the rules of the
10 Commission or that was submitted to the Com-
11 mission with a proper request for confidential
12 treatment as described in section 0.459 of title
13 47, Code of Federal Regulations (or any suc-
14 cessor regulation).

15 (b) IMPROVEMENTS TO NETWORK OUTAGE REPORT-
16 ING.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enact-
17 ment of this Act, the Commission shall conduct an inves-
18 tigation and publish on the website of the Commission a
19 report on—

20 (1) the value to public safety agencies of origi-
21 nating service providers including visual information
22 to improve situational awareness about outages in
23 the notifications provided to emergency communica-
24 tions centers, as required by the rules of the Com-
25 mission;

1 (2) the volume and nature of 9–1–1 outages
2 that may go unreported under the outage notifica-
3 tion thresholds of the Commission;

4 (3) the balance between the value described in
5 paragraph (1) to public safety agencies and the bur-
6 den and practicality for originating service providers
7 of including visual information in outage notifica-
8 tions as described in such paragraph; and

9 (4) recommended changes to the rules of the
10 Commission to address the matters reported under
11 paragraphs (1) and (2).

12 (c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
13 tion shall be construed to provide the Commission or any
14 other person authority over any provider of broadband
15 internet access service beyond what is specifically author-
16 ized under this section.

17 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

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

23 (2) COMMERCIAL MOBILE DATA SERVICE.—The
24 term “commercial mobile data service” has the
25 meaning given such term in section 6001 of the Mid-

1 dle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012
2 (47 U.S.C. 1401).

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

7 (4) COMMISSION.—The term “Commission”
8 means the Federal Communications Commission.

9 (5) EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER.—

10 (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “emergency
11 communications center” means—

12 (i) a facility that—

13 (I) is designated to receive a 9–
14 1–1 request for emergency assistance;
15 and

16 (II) performs 1 or more of the
17 functions described in subparagraph
18 (B); or

19 (ii) a public safety answering point
20 (as defined in section 222 of the Commu-
21 nications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 222)).

22 (B) FUNCTIONS DESCRIBED.—The func-
23 tions described in this subparagraph are the fol-
24 lowing:

1 (i) Processing and analyzing 9–1–1
2 requests for emergency assistance and in-
3 formation and data related to such re-
4 quests.

5 (ii) Dispatching appropriate emer-
6 gency response providers.

7 (iii) Transferring or exchanging 9–1–
8 1 requests for emergency assistance and
9 information and data related to such re-
10 quests with 1 or more other emergency
11 communications centers and emergency re-
12 sponse providers.

13 (iv) Analyzing any communications re-
14 ceived from emergency response providers.

15 (v) Supporting incident command
16 functions.

17 (6) INDIAN TRIBAL GOVERNMENT; LOCAL GOV-
18 ERNMENT.—The terms “Indian tribal government”
19 and “local government” have the meanings given
20 such terms in section 102 of the Robert T. Stafford
21 Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42
22 U.S.C. 5122).

23 (7) INTERCONNECTED VOIP SERVICE; STATE.—
24 The terms “interconnected VoIP service” and
25 “State” have the meanings given such terms in sec-

1 tion 3 of the Communications Act of 1934 (47
2 U.S.C. 153).

3 (8) OUTAGE.—The term “outage” has the
4 meaning given such term in section 4.5 of title 47,
5 Code of Federal Regulations (or any successor regu-
6 lation).

7 (9) SYSTEM.—The term “System” means the
8 Disaster Information Reporting System of the Com-
9 mission.

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