

House \_\_\_\_\_ Amendment NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Offered By

1 AMEND House Committee Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 245,  
2 Page 19, Section 190.055, Line 34, by inserting after said line the following:

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4 "190.260. 1. This section shall be known and may be cited as the "First Informer  
5 Broadcasters Act".

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

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

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

13 3. Broadcasters in this state shall, in cooperation with the department of public safety,  
14 establish a program for training and certifying broadcast engineers and technical personnel as first  
15 informers.

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 and technical personnel as first informer broadcasters.  
19 Upon completion of the program, broadcasters shall receive statewide recognized credentials to  
20 certify that such broadcasters are first informers. Each program established under this section shall  
21 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; and

24 (2) The personal safety of a first informer broadcaster in an area affected by an emergency or  
25 disaster.

26 5. To the extent practicable and consistent with not endangering public safety or inhibiting  
27 recovery efforts, state and local governmental agencies shall allow first informer broadcasters access  
28 to areas affected by an emergency or disaster for the purposes of restoring, repairing, or resupplying  
29 any facility or equipment critical to the ability of a broadcaster to acquire, produce, and transmit  
30 essential emergency or disaster-related public information programming including, without

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1 limitation, repairing and maintaining transmitters and generators, and transporting fuel for  
2 generators.

3 6. The Missouri Broadcasters Association shall pay the costs of developing and  
4 implementing the training program."; and

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