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HOUSE BILL NO. 2575

99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE JOHNSON.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 620, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the office of broadband advocate.

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

Section A. Chapter 620, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be
2 known as section 620.065, to read as follows:

**620.065. 1. There is hereby established in the department of economic development
2 the "Office of Broadband Advocate", which shall have the purpose and duty of advocating
3 for the creation and expansion of broadband internet access throughout the state and
4 finding solutions to problems encountered by any person or entity while attempting to
5 expand broadband internet access in Missouri. The office shall be administered by the
6 broadband advocate.**

**7 2. The broadband advocate shall be appointed by the governor, with the advice and
8 consent of the senate. The broadband advocate shall hold office for a term of six years and
9 shall continue to hold the office until a successor is duly appointed. The broadband
10 advocate shall report directly to the director of the department of economic development
11 and shall administer the office to provide support and coordination to any person's or
12 entity's efforts to expand broadband internet access in Missouri.**

**13 3. The department of economic development shall provide administrative support
14 and staff as deemed necessary to assist the broadband advocate.**

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