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## AN ACT

To direct the Federal Communications Commission to issue reports after activation of the Disaster Information Reporting System and to make improvements to network outage reporting, to categorize public safety telecommunications as a protective service occupation under the Standard Occupational Classification system, and for other purposes.

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 “Enhancing First Re-  
 5       sponse Act”.

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

9       (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

10           (1) AUTOMATIC LOCATION INFORMATION;  
 11       AUTOMATIC NUMBER IDENTIFICATION.—The terms  
 12       “Automatic Location Information” and “Automatic  
 13       Number Identification” have the meanings given  
 14       those terms in section 9.3 of title 47, Code of Fed-  
 15       eral Regulations, or any successor regulation.

16           (2) BROADBAND INTERNET ACCESS SERVICE.—  
 17       The term “broadband internet access service” has  
 18       the meaning given the term in section 8.1(b) of title  
 19       47, Code of Federal Regulations, or any successor  
 20       regulation.

21           (3) COMMERCIAL MOBILE SERVICE.—The term  
 22       “commercial mobile service” has the meaning given  
 23       the term in section 332(d) of the Communications  
 24       Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 332(d)).

1           (4) COMMERCIAL MOBILE DATA SERVICE.—The  
 2       term “commercial mobile data service” has the  
 3       meaning given the term in section 6001 of the Mid-  
 4       dle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012  
 5       (47 U.S.C. 1401).

6           (5) COMMISSION.—The term “Commission”  
 7       means the Federal Communications Commission.

8           (6) INDIAN TRIBAL GOVERNMENT; LOCAL GOV-  
 9       ERNMENT.—The terms “Indian tribal government”  
 10      and “local government” have the meanings given  
 11      those terms in section 102 of the Robert T. Stafford  
 12      Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42  
 13      U.S.C. 5122).

14          (7) INTERCONNECTED VOIP SERVICE.—The  
 15      term “interconnected VoIP service” has the meaning  
 16      given that term in section 9.3 of title 47, Code of  
 17      Federal Regulations, or any successor regulation.

18          (8) MULTI-LINE TELEPHONE SYSTEM.—The  
 19      term “multi-line telephone system” has the meaning  
 20      given the term in section 721(f) of the Communica-  
 21      tions Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 623(f)).

22          (9) OUTAGE.—The term “outage” has the  
 23      meaning given the term in section 4.5 of title 47,  
 24      Code of Federal Regulations, or any successor regu-  
 25      lation.

1           (10) PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINT.—The  
 2           term “public safety answering point” has the mean-  
 3           ing given the term in section 222(h) of the Commu-  
 4           nications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 222(h)).

5           (11) STATE.—The term “State” has the mean-  
 6           ing given that term in section 3 of the Communica-  
 7           tions Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 153).

8           (12) SYSTEM.—The term “System” means the  
 9           Disaster Information Reporting System.

10          (b) REPORTS AFTER ACTIVATION OF THE DISASTER  
 11          INFORMATION REPORTING SYSTEM.—

12           (1) PUBLIC HEARINGS.—

13           (A) REQUIREMENT.—Each year, the Com-  
 14           mission shall hold not less than 1 public hear-  
 15           ing relating to all events during the preceding  
 16           1-year period for which the System was acti-  
 17           vated for not less than 7 days.

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

22           (i) representatives of State govern-  
 23           ment, local government, or Indian tribal  
 24           governments in areas affected by such  
 25           event;

- 1 (ii) residents of the areas affected by
- 2 such event, or consumer advocates;
- 3 (iii) providers of communications serv-
- 4 ices affected by such event;
- 5 (iv) faculty of institutions of higher
- 6 education;
- 7 (v) representatives of other Federal
- 8 agencies;
- 9 (vi) electric utility providers;
- 10 (vii) communications infrastructure
- 11 companies; and
- 12 (viii) first responders, emergency
- 13 managers, and 911 directors in areas af-
- 14 fected by such event.

15 (2) REPORT.—Not later than 120 days after  
 16 the public hearing under paragraph (1) occurs, the  
 17 Commission shall issue a report that includes, with  
 18 respect to such event and to the extent known with-  
 19 out requiring the collection of additional informa-  
 20 tion—

- 21 (A) the number and duration of any out-
- 22 ages of—
- 23 (i) broadband internet access service;
- 24 (ii) interconnected VoIP service;
- 25 (iii) commercial mobile service; and

1 (iv) commercial mobile data service;

2 (B) the approximate number of users and  
3 the amount of communications infrastructure  
4 potentially affected by an outage described in  
5 subparagraph (A);

6 (C) the number and duration of any out-  
7 ages that prevent public safety answering points  
8 from receiving caller location or number infor-  
9 mation or receiving emergency calls and routing  
10 such calls to emergency service personnel; and

11 (D) any recommendations of the Commis-  
12 sion on how to improve the resiliency of af-  
13 fected communications or networks recovery ef-  
14 forts.

15 (3) DEVELOPMENT OF REPORTS.—In devel-  
16 oping a report required under paragraph (2), the  
17 Commission shall consider information collected by  
18 the Commission, including information collected by  
19 the Commission through the System, and any public  
20 hearing described in paragraph (1) with respect to  
21 the applicable event.

22 (4) PUBLICATION.—The Commission shall pub-  
23 lish each report, excluding information that is other-  
24 wise exempt from public disclosure under the rules  
25 of the Commission or was submitted to the Commis-

1 sion with a proper request for confidential treatment  
2 as described in section 0.459 of title 47, Code of  
3 Federal Regulations, issued under this subsection on  
4 the website of the Commission upon the issuance of  
5 such report. The Commission shall not publicly dis-  
6 close company-specific information.

7 (c) IMPROVEMENTS TO NETWORK OUTAGE REPORT-  
8 ING.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment  
9 of this Act, the Commission shall investigate and publish  
10 a report on—

11 (1) the value to public safety agencies of origi-  
12 nating service providers including visual information  
13 to improve situational awareness about outages in  
14 the notifications provided to public safety answering  
15 points, as required by rules issued by the Commis-  
16 sion;

17 (2) the volume and nature of 911 outages that  
18 may go unreported under the outage notification  
19 thresholds of the Commission;

20 (3) the balance between the value described in  
21 paragraph (1) to public safety agencies and the bur-  
22 den and practicality for originating service providers  
23 of including visual information in outage notifica-  
24 tions as described in that paragraph; and

1           (4) recommended changes to rules issued by the  
2       Commission to address paragraphs (1) and (2).

3       (d) **RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**—Nothing in this Act  
4 shall be construed to provide the Commission or any other  
5 person authority over any provider of broadband internet  
6 access service beyond what is specifically authorized under  
7 this Act.

8       **SEC. 3. REPORTING OF PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICA-**  
9                               **TORS AS PROTECTIVE SERVICE OCCUPA-**  
10                              **TIONS.**

11       (a) **FINDINGS.**—Congress finds the following:

12           (1) Public safety telecommunicators play a crit-  
13 ical role in emergency response, providing medical  
14 instruction, gathering lifesaving information, and  
15 protecting civilians and first responders.

16           (2) The Standard Occupational Classification  
17 system is designed and maintained solely for statis-  
18 tical purposes, and is used by Federal statistical  
19 agencies to classify workers and jobs into occupa-  
20 tional categories for the purpose of collecting, calcu-  
21 lating, analyzing, or disseminating data.

22           (3) Occupations in the Standard Occupational  
23 Classification are classified based on work performed  
24 and, in some cases, on the skills, education, or train-  
25 ing needed to perform the work.



1           (4) Classifying public safety telecommunicators  
 2           as a protective service occupation would correct an  
 3           inaccurate representation in the Standard Occupa-  
 4           tional Classification, recognize these professionals  
 5           for the lifesaving work they perform, and better  
 6           align the Standard Occupational Classification with  
 7           related classification systems.

8           (b) STANDARD OCCUPATIONAL CLASSIFICATION SYS-  
 9       TEM.—The Director of the Office of Management and  
 10       Budget shall, not later than 30 days after the date of en-  
 11       actment of this Act, categorize public safety telecommu-  
 12       nicators as a protective service occupation under the  
 13       Standard Occupational Classification system.

14       **SEC. 4. REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE KARI'S LAW**  
 15                               **ACT OF 2017.**

16       Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment  
 17       of this Act, the Commission shall publish a report regard-  
 18       ing the enforcement by the Commission of section 721 of  
 19       the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 623), which  
 20       shall include—

- 21           (1) a summary of the extent to which multi-line
- 22           telephone system manufacturers and vendors have
- 23           complied with that section;
- 24           (2) potential difficulties and obstacles in com-
- 25           plying with that section;

1           (3) recommendations to the Commission, if nec-  
2       essary, on ways to improve the policies of the Com-  
3       mission to better enforce that section; and

4           (4) recommendations to Congress, if necessary,  
5       on further legislation that could mitigate problems  
6       like those that are addressed by that section.

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Attest:

*Secretary.*



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