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AN ACT

1 Prohibiting termination of cable and Internet service during a  
2 disaster emergency.

3 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
4 hereby enacts as follows:

5 Section 1. Short title.

6 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Emergency  
7 Cable and Internet Service Act.

8 Section 2. Definitions.

9 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall  
10 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the  
11 context clearly indicates otherwise:

12 "Cable service provider." A person that provides cable  
13 television services, video programming services or any other  
14 distribution of television or video services.

15 "Disaster emergency." A disaster emergency declared by the  
16 Governor under 35 Pa.C.S. § 7301(c) (relating to general  
17 authority of Governor).

18 "Internet service provider." A person that furnishes a

1 service that enables users to access content, information, e-  
2 mail or other services offered over the Internet and access to  
3 proprietary content, information and other services.

4 Section 3. Prohibition.

5 (a) Prohibition.--Cable service providers and Internet  
6 service providers may not terminate service in this Commonwealth  
7 during the pendency of a disaster emergency.

8 (b) Payment.--The prohibition under subsection (a) shall not  
9 be construed to relieve the recipient of cable or internet  
10 service of the obligation to pay for those services once a  
11 disaster emergency is terminated or expires under 35 Pa.C.S.  
12 section 7301(c) (relating to general authority of Governor).

13 Section 4. Effective date.

14 This act shall take effect immediately.