



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 5072

LCO No. 3296

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:
(JUD)

**AN ACT CONCERNING IMMUNITY FOR BROADCASTERS THAT
BROADCAST INFORMATION PURSUANT TO THE AMBER PLAN.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2003*) Any broadcaster, as
2 defined in subsection (l) of section 12-218 of the general statutes, that,
3 pursuant to a voluntary program between broadcasters and law
4 enforcement agencies, issues an emergency alert and broadcasts
5 information provided by a law enforcement agency concerning the
6 abduction of a child including, but not limited to, a description of the
7 abducted child, a description of the suspected abductor and the
8 circumstances of the abduction, shall be immune from civil liability for
9 damages if such alert and broadcast is made in good faith and in
10 accordance with the program's criteria for issuing an emergency alert
11 and broadcasting such information. Nothing in this section shall be
12 construed to limit or restrict in any way any immunity or privilege a
13 broadcaster may have under any other law for broadcasting or
14 otherwise disseminating any information.

This act shall take effect as follows:

Section 1	October 1, 2003
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Statement of Purpose:

To immunize radio and television stations and cable systems from civil liability for damages when they broadcast information concerning abducted children and their suspected abductors pursuant to the Amber Plan.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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