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Proposed law requires, on March 1, 2021, and every March 1st thereafter, cable service providers and video service providers to prepare and submit to the La. Public Service Commission (commission) an emergency service plan, which must include a provider's emergency preparedness and response plan for each type of service it offers to the public, including but not limited to cable, video, telephone, and internet service.

Proposed law provides that a copy of the plan be submitted to the director of the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness and the House and Senate commerce committees by March 1st of each year.

Proposed law requires the commission to adopt rules and regulations to implement proposed law and provide for the content of the emergency service plan, which shall include but not be limited to the following information:

- (1) The name and contact information of two persons who have knowledge of the provider's emergency operations.
- (2) The identification of any available human resource and his position and responsibilities during an emergency.
- (3) The provider's plan for obtaining resources that may be necessary during an emergency, including but not limited to communication, equipment, generators, and vehicles.
- (4) The arrangement of any alternative facility if a facility is needed for the operation and continuity of service.
- (5) A description of the drills or exercises to be performed at least annually that test and evaluate the effectiveness of the emergency service plan.
- (6) A schedule for the annual evaluation and a risk mitigation strategy for all operating assets that may be at a higher risk or are prone to damage during an emergency.
- (7) The provider's means of communication with the commission in the event of a disruption of telecommunication services.

Proposed law provides that any cable service provider or video service provider found by the commission, after notice and hearing, to be in violation of proposed law shall be subject to a civil fine not to exceed \$1,000 for the first violation, and any subsequent violation of proposed law shall

not exceed \$5,000.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 45:1611-1613)