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H.B. No. 3717

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 3717:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to a study regarding emergency service in rural areas.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

4 SECTION 1. STUDY ON EMERGENCY SERVICES IN RURAL AREAS. (a)

5 In this section, "first responder" has the meaning assigned by
6 Section 421.095, Government Code.

7 (b) The Commission on State Emergency Communications shall
8 conduct a study to:

9 (1) evaluate access to 9-1-1 communications in rural
10 areas and the ability of first responders to respond to emergencies
11 in rural areas; and

12 (2) provide recommendations for the creation of a
13 program that will maximize the use of federal and state funding for
14 9-1-1 services to ensure rural areas have greater access to 9-1-1
15 communications and first responders are able to respond more
16 efficiently to emergencies in rural areas.

17 (c) Not later than December 1, 2012, the Commission on State
18 Emergency Communications shall submit a report containing the
19 findings of the study conducted under Subsection (b) of this
20 section and the commission's recommendations to the governor,
21 lieutenant governor, and speaker of the house of representatives.

22 SECTION 2. EXPIRATION. This Act expires December 31, 2012.

23 SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect
24 immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members

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1 elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas
2 Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for
3 immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2011.