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H.B. No. 1426

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 1426:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to mobile Internet service access in an area subject to a
declared state of disaster.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter H, Chapter 418, Government Code, is
amended by adding Section 418.194 to read as follows:

Sec. 418.194. MOBILE INTERNET SERVICE IN AREA SUBJECT TO
DISASTER DECLARATION. (a) In this section, "mobile Internet
service provider" means a person who provides mobile Internet
service to a wireless communication device as defined by Section
545.425, Transportation Code.

(b) A mobile Internet service provider may not impair or
degrade lawful mobile Internet service access in an area subject to
a declared state of disaster under Section 418.014.

(c) This section does not prohibit a mobile Internet service
provider from prioritizing first responder Internet service access
or a network service designated for use by emergency services
personnel if there is network congestion in an area subject to a
declared state of disaster under Section 418.014.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.