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HOUSE BILL 47: Disaster Recovery Act of 2025 - Part I, Sec. 5.2: Facilitate Permanent Installation of Broadband Infrastructure

Analysis of: S.L. 2025-2, Sec. 5.2

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Section 5.2 of S.L. 2025-2 (House Bill 47) requires roadway constructors repairing or rebuilding roads within a county affected by Hurricane Helene to do all of the following: (i) on roads that are a quarter of a mile long or longer, collaborate with any broadband provider that is repairing or rebuilding broadband infrastructure that was located along the original right-of-way; (ii) coordinate with broadband providers to avoid extended traffic disruptions or the necessity of further improvements upon the completion of the roadway construction process; and (iii) cooperate with broadband providers converting temporary backbone broadband service into permanent broadband installations.

This section further requires the Department of Transportation and local governments to allow the underground installation of broadband infrastructure within rights-of-way as needed for the repair of broadband infrastructure damaged by Hurricane Helene.

This section became effective March 19, 2025.

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