



95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2007 and 2008

SB2410

Introduced 2/14/2008, by Sen. Deanna Demuzio

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act
30 ILCS 105/5.708 new

Creates the Vince Demuzio Rural Broadband Initiative Act. Provides that the Broadband Deployment Council shall be responsible for implementing the Vince Demuzio Rural Broadband Deployment Initiative Act. Provides that the Broadband Deployment Council shall develop and implement a plan, modeled on a specified project, for expanding broadband Internet connection availability in 3 separate and specified regions in the State. Provides that the goal of the project shall be to double the extent of broadband access in specified regions within 3 years after the effective date of the Act. Provides that the Council shall submit to the General Assembly an annual report detailing its progress on the project herein mandated. Creates the Vince Demuzio Rural Broadband Fund within the State treasury and provides that the General Assembly shall appropriate money annually into the fund for use by the Broadband Deployment Council in the implementation of the Vince Demuzio Rural Broadband Initiative Act. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the Vince
5 Demuzio Rural Broadband Initiative Act.

6 Section 5. Broadband Deployment Council; regions.

7 (a) The Broadband Deployment Council shall be responsible
8 for implementing the Vince Demuzio Rural Broadband Deployment
9 Initiative Act. The Broadband Deployment Council shall develop
10 and implement a plan, modeled on its recent "Macoupin and
11 Montgomery Project", for expanding broadband Internet
12 connection availability in the following 3 separate regions in
13 the State:

14 (1) East-Central Illinois, which includes the counties
15 of Clark, Clay, Coles, Crawford, Cumberland, Douglas,
16 Edgar, Effingham, Fayette, Jasper, Lawrence, Marion,
17 Moultrie, and Richland.

18 (2) Northwestern Illinois, which includes the counties
19 of Mercer, Henry, Putnam, Bureau, LaSalle, Lee, Jo Daviess,
20 Carroll, Whiteside, and Rock Island.

21 (3) Western Illinois, which includes counties of
22 Henderson, Warren, Knox, Hancock, McDonough, Schuyler,
23 Adams, Brown, Pike, Mason, Cass, Scott and Fulton.

1 (b) The goal of this project shall be to double the extent
2 of broadband access in the regions specified in subsection (a)
3 of this Section within 3 years after the effective date of this
4 Act.

5 (c) The Council shall submit to the General Assembly an
6 annual report detailing its progress on the project herein
7 mandated.

8 Section 10. Vince Demuzio Rural Broadband Fund. There is
9 hereby created a Vince Demuzio Rural Broadband Fund within the
10 State treasury. The General Assembly shall appropriate money
11 annually into this fund for use by the Broadband Deployment
12 Council in the implementation of the Vince Demuzio Rural
13 Broadband Initiative Act.

14 Section 15. The State Finance Act is amended by adding
15 Section 5.708 as follows:

16 (30 ILCS 105/5.708 new)

17 Sec. 5.708. The Vince Demuzio Rural Broadband Fund.

18 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
19 becoming law.