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Missouri House Passes HB 1995 to Ensure Continued Small Wireless Facility Deployment

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. – The Missouri House of Representatives is advancing the state's telecommunications infrastructure with the passage of HB 1995. This bill, which garnered overwhelming bipartisan support, aims to secure the future of small wireless facility deployment in Missouri by repealing the expiration date for the Small Wireless Facility Deployment Act.

The Small Wireless Facility Deployment Act, initially enacted to facilitate the swift and efficient deployment of small wireless facilities across Missouri, has proven instrumental in enhancing connectivity, driving economic growth, and fostering innovation throughout the state. However, with its expiration looming on January 1, 2025, there was an urgent need for action to ensure the continuous progress and development in this critical sector.

By passing HB 1995, the Missouri House has demonstrated its unwavering commitment to fostering a robust and resilient telecommunications infrastructure. This legislation not only removes the uncertainty surrounding the future of small wireless facility deployment but also reinforces Missouri's position as a leader in embracing cutting-edge technology and promoting connectivity for all its residents.

"Today's passage of HB 1995 marks a pivotal moment for Missouri's telecommunications landscape," Perkins, R-Bowling Green, said. "By eliminating the expiration date for the Small Wireless Facility Deployment Act, we are sending a clear message that Missouri is open for business, innovation, and connectivity. This legislation will lay the foundation for continued growth, investment, and opportunity across our state."

"As we move forward, it is imperative that we provide the necessary framework for the continued expansion of small wireless facilities, ensuring that all Missourians have access to reliable and high-speed connectivity," House Speaker Dean Plocher, R-Des Peres, said. "The passage of HB 1995

reaffirms our dedication to innovation and progress, laying the groundwork for a more connected and prosperous future for our state."

With a unanimous bipartisan vote of 151-0, HB 1995 now moves to the Missouri Senate for further consideration.

Representative Chad Perkins, a Republican, represents parts of Ralls, Monroe, Lincoln, and Pike counties (District 40). He was elected to his first two-year term in November 2020. For more information, please contact Rep. Perkins' office at 573-751-4028 or by email at Chad.Perkins@House.Mo.Gov.

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