

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 2093

## 91ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE REYNOLDS.

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### AN ACT

To amend chapter 209, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the deaf and hard of hearing.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Chapter 209, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be  
2 known as section 209.350, to read as follows:

**209.350. 1. To ensure effective communication of the content of all local news,  
2 weather, and sports broadcasts to deaf and hearing-impaired Missourians, beginning  
3 January 1, 2003, all television stations located in the state of Missouri with gross revenues  
4 in excess of three million dollars a year shall provide real-time captioning of all local news,  
5 weather, and sports programming. Because of its inability to provide maximum  
6 information, the use of electronic newsroom technology shall not satisfy the requirements  
7 of this section.**

**8 2. To avoid undue burden to television stations, all stations required to provide  
9 real-time captioning pursuant to this section may limit their expenditures for such  
10 captioning to two percent of their annual gross revenues.**