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AN ACT

To amend chapter 209, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to real-time captioning of local broadcasts.

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 209.346, to read as follows:

3 **209.346. 1. Beginning January 1, 2007, all television stations located in this state**
4 **with gross revenues in excess of three million dollars per year shall provide real-time**
5 **captioning of all local news, weather, and sports broadcasts for deaf and hearing-impaired**
6 **persons. The use of electronic newsroom technology shall not satisfy the requirements of**
7 **this section.**

8 **2. Each television station required to provide real-time captioning under this**
9 **section may limit its expenditures for such captioning to two percent of its annual gross**
10 **revenues.**

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EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.