

Senate Bill 400

By: Senators Lee of the 29th, Shafer of the 48th and Smith of the 52nd

AS PASSED

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 1 of Title 51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
 2 general provisions regarding torts, so as to provide for an exemption from civil liability with
 3 respect to broadcasters who are engaged in Levi's Call: Georgia's Amber Alert Program; to
 4 provide for definitions; to provide for conditions and limitations; to provide an effective date;
 5 to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Chapter 1 of Title 51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general
 9 provisions regarding torts, is amended by adding a new Code section at the end thereof to be
 10 designated Code Section 51-1-50, to read as follows:

11 "51-1-50.

12 (a) As used in this Code section, the term:

13 (1) 'Broadcast' means the transmission of video or audio programming by an electronic
 14 or other signal conducted by radiowaves or microwaves, by wires, lines, coaxial cables,
 15 wave guides or fiber optics, by satellite transmissions directly or indirectly to viewers or
 16 listeners or by any other means of communication.

17 (2) 'Broadcaster' means any corporation or other entity that is engaged in the business of
 18 broadcasting video or audio programming, whether through the public airwaves, by cable,
 19 by direct or indirect satellite transmission or by any other means of communication.

20 (3) 'Levi's Call: Georgia's Amber Alert Program' means the voluntary program entered
 21 into by the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, the Georgia Emergency Management
 22 Agency, the Georgia Association of Broadcasters, and certain broadcasters licensed to
 23 serve in the State of Georgia; which program provides that if the Georgia Bureau of
 24 Investigation verifies that a child has been abducted and is in danger, an alert containing
 25 known details of the abduction is transmitted to Georgia Emergency Management
 26 Agency, which is then transmitted by Georgia Emergency Management Agency to

