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**VERMONT ATTORNEY GENERAL'S PUBLIC NOTICE REGARDING  
ENFORCEMENT OF 2014 ACT 190, RELATING TO BROADCAST  
RETRANSMISSION FEES**

In 2014, the Vermont Legislature enacted a new statute, 30 V.S.A. § 518, that relates to broadcast retransmission fees. *See* 2013, No. 190, sec. 29 (adj. sess.) (adding 30 V.S.A. § 518). The statute requires reporting by commercial broadcasting stations of “fees charged for program content retransmitted on the cable network under a retransmission agreement entered into pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 325.” The reporting obligation begins with calendar year 2015. The statute calls for annual reporting of these fees to the Attorney General’s Office for the prior calendar year.

The Attorney General’s Office has received inquiries from regulated parties about the timing of the reporting requirement. Because the law took effect in July 2014 and calls for the reporting obligation to begin with the year 2015, the Attorney General’s Office interprets the law to require filing of reports disclosing fees for calendar year 2015 *on or before January 15, 2016*.

The Attorney General’s Office expects to provide additional guidance with respect to the format and content of the report and the manner of filing on or after July 1, 2015.

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