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# H. R. 6355

To require the Postal Service to establish a website providing information on post offices experiencing emergency suspensions, and for other purposes.

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Mrs. AXNE introduced the following bill

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Referred to the Committee on Oversight and Reform

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. POST OFFICE EMERGENCY SUSPENSION**  
4 **WEBSITE.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter VII of chapter 36 of  
6 title 39, United States Code, is amended by adding at the  
7 end the following new section:

1 **“§ 3692. Post office emergency suspension website**

2 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Postal Service shall develop  
3 and maintain a publicly available website with an inter-  
4 active web-tool that provides information about each cov-  
5 ered post office, including the information described in  
6 subsection (b).

7 “(b) EMERGENCY SUSPENSION INFORMATION.—The  
8 information provided on the Website shall include—

9 “(1) a list of each covered post office; and

10 “(2) for each covered post office—

11 “(A) a street address;

12 “(B) the date on which the relevant emer-  
13 gency suspension for such covered post office  
14 took effect;

15 “(C) the reason for such emergency sus-  
16 pension;

17 “(D) alternative services available, includ-  
18 ing how to request curbside delivery;

19 “(E) the location of, and hours of oper-  
20 ation for, the nearest facility providing retail  
21 access to postal services; and

22 “(F) to the extent practicable, the esti-  
23 mated date on which operations at such covered  
24 post office will resume.

25 “(c) ADDRESS SEARCH FUNCTIONALITY.—The  
26 Website shall include functionality enabling a user to

1 search for information about covered post offices by street  
2 address, ZIP Code, or post office box.

3 “(d) FORMAT.—The information described in sub-  
4 section (a) shall be provided on the Website—

5 “(1) in a manner that—

6 “(A) presents such information on an  
7 interactive dashboard;

8 “(B) is searchable and may be sorted and  
9 filtered by the elements described in subsection  
10 (b)(2); and

11 “(C) to the extent practicable, enables any  
12 person or entity to download in bulk—

13 “(i) such information; and

14 “(ii) the results of a search by the ele-  
15 ments described in subsection (b)(2);

16 “(2) in an open format that permits any indi-  
17 vidual or entity to reuse and analyze such informa-  
18 tion; and

19 “(3) in a structured data format, to the extent  
20 practicable.

21 “(e) SUSPENSION NOTICE.—Information provided on  
22 the Website shall not be considered as providing notice  
23 to any person that the operations of a post office have  
24 been temporarily suspended pursuant to subchapter 61 of

1 the Postal Service Handbook PO–101, or any successor  
2 policy.

3 “(f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 “(1) COVERED POST OFFICE.—The term ‘cov-  
5 ered post office’ means a post office at which oper-  
6 ations have been temporarily suspended pursuant to  
7 subchapter 61 of the Postal Service Handbook PO–  
8 101, or any successor policy.

9 “(2) EMERGENCY SUSPENSION.—The term  
10 ‘emergency suspension’ means the temporary sus-  
11 pension of operations at a post office pursuant to  
12 subchapter 61 of the Postal Service Handbook PO–  
13 101, or any successor policy.

14 “(3) POST OFFICE.—The term ‘post office’  
15 means a Post Office, as such term is defined in sec-  
16 tion 241.1 of title 39, Code of Federal Regulations,  
17 or any successor regulation, and includes a post of-  
18 fice branch or post office station.

19 “(4) WEBSITE.—The term ‘Website’ means the  
20 website described in subsection (a).”.

21 (b) IMPLEMENTATION DEADLINE.—Not later than  
22 one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the  
23 Postal Service shall establish the website required under  
24 section 3692(a) of title 39, United States Code, as added  
25 by this Act.

1       (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
2 for chapter 36 of title 39, United States Code, is amended  
3 by inserting after the item relating to section 3691 the  
4 following new item:

“3692. Post office emergency suspension website.”.

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