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Introducer's Statement of Intent

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Chairperson: Senator Tom Briese

Committee: General Affairs

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The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

Starting October 1, 2022, this bill would require all newspapers accepting legal notices to post such notices to a statewide website established by a majority of newspapers in the state. This website publication would be in addition to the print publication of the notices.

This bill would also adjust the maximum prices newspapers are allowed to charge for providing this legal advertising space. These price ceilings were last changed in 1995 and should be adjusted to account for inflation. The modest changes to this fee are phased in over two stages. The first change would occur on October 1, 2022, and the second would occur on October 1, 2023.

Senator Tom Brewer