

IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1065

BY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO AMATEUR RADIO TOWERS; AMENDING SECTION 21-515A, IDAHO CODE, TO  
INCLUDE CITIZENS BAND (CB) RADIO AND AMATEUR RADIO TOWERS IN STRUCTURES  
EXEMPT FROM STANDARDS FOR GUYED TOWERS.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. That Section 21-515A, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby  
amended to read as follows:

21-515A. HAZARDS TO AIR FLIGHT -- STANDARDS FOR GUYED TOWERS. (1) Any  
temporary or permanent guyed tower fifty (50) feet or more in height that is  
located outside the boundaries of an incorporated city or town on land that  
is primarily rural or undeveloped or used for agricultural purposes, or that  
is primarily desert, and where such guyed tower's appearance is not other-  
wise governed by state or federal law, rule or regulation, shall be lighted,  
marked and painted or otherwise constructed to be visible in clear air during  
daylight hours from a distance of not less than two thousand (2,000) feet.  
Guyed towers shall be required to be in accordance with the following:

(a) Guyed towers shall be painted in seven equal alternating bands of  
aviation orange and white. Such alternating bands shall begin with or-  
ange at the top of the tower and end with orange at the base.

(b) Guyed towers shall have a flashing light at the top of the tower.  
Such light shall be visible in clear air, with the naked eye, from a dis-  
tance of two thousand (2,000) feet when flashing. Such light shall also  
be visible with night vision goggles.

(c) The surface area under the footprint of the tower and six (6) feet  
beyond the outer tower anchors shall have a contrasting appearance with  
any surrounding vegetation.

(d) Two (2) marker balls shall be attached to and evenly spaced on each  
of the outside guy wires.

(e) Guyed towers shall have a seven (7) foot long safety sleeve at each  
anchor point and shall extend from the anchor point along each guy wire  
attached to the anchor point.

(2) Any guyed tower that was erected prior to the effective date of this  
act shall be marked as required by the provisions of this section within one  
(1) year of the effective date of this act. Any guyed tower that is erected  
on or after the effective date of this act shall be marked as required by the  
provisions of this section at the time it is erected.

(3) For the purposes of this section, the following terms shall have the  
following meanings:

(a) "Guyed tower" means a tower that is supported in whole or in part by  
guy wires and ground anchors or other means of support besides the su-  
perstructure of the tower itself, towers used for military purposes ex-  
cepted.

1 (b) "Height" means the distance measured from the original grade at the  
2 base of the tower to the highest point of the tower.

3 (c) "Temporary or permanent guyed tower" means a guyed tower erected  
4 and standing for any period of time whatsoever.

5 (4) This section shall not apply to power poles or structures owned and  
6 operated by an electric supplier as defined in section 61-332A(4), Idaho  
7 Code, or any structure the primary purpose of which is to support telecommu-  
8 nications equipment, including citizens band (CB) radio towers and all other  
9 amateur radio towers.

10 (5) Any person who violates a provision of this section shall be guilty  
11 of a misdemeanor.