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Children's Protection from Violent Programming Act

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Committee Activity

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Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 15, 2001

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
107 HR 1005	Identical bill	Mar 20, 2001: Referred to the Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet.

Children's Protection from Violent Programming Act - Directs the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to assess the effectiveness of measures to require television broadcasters and multichannel video programming distributors to rate and encode programming that could be blocked by parents by use of a V-chip. Authorizes the FCC, if it finds such measures ineffective, to prohibit the distribution of violent video programming during hours when children are reasonably likely to comprise a substantial portion of the audience.

Amends the Communications Act of 1934 to make it unlawful for any person to distribute to the public any violent video programming not blockable by electronic means specifically on the basis of its violent content. Provides for exemptions for: (1) programming (including news programs and sporting events) the distribution of which does not conflict with the objective of protecting children from the negative influences of violent video programming; and (2) premium and pay-per-view direct-to-home satellite programming.

Directs the FCC to impose a forfeiture penalty for violations and to revoke a broadcasting or distribution license of a repeat violator.

Requires the FCC to study and report to specified committees on the marketing to children of violent content by the motion picture, music recording, and computer and video game industries.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 15, 2001:** Introduced in Senate
- **Feb 15, 2001:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S1466-1469)
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