

## S 404

Low Power Radio Act of 2001

**Congress:** 107 (2001–2003, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Science, Technology, Communications

**Introduced:** Feb 27, 2001

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (text of measure

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (text of measure as introduced: CR S1634) (Feb 27, 2001)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/107th-congress/senate-bill/404>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. McCain, John [R-AZ]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** AZ • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 27, 2001

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Science, Technology, Communications

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## Summary (as of Feb 27, 2001)

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Low Power Radio Act of 2001 - Requires any low-power FM radio licensee determined by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to be transmitting a signal causing harmful interference to one or more licensed radio services to cease such transmission, if so ordered, and to refrain from recommencing such signal until it has taken FCC-prescribed action to assure that the licensee sustaining such interference can serve the public interest.

Authorizes any radio service licensee or subcarrier program provider to file an interference complaint and requires resolution within 90 days. Authorizes the FCC to: (1) order the losing party to reimburse complaint costs; and (2) impose quintuple punitive damages for frivolous complaints.

Repeals certain inconsistent law.

Directs the FCC to complete all rulemakings necessary to implement the transition to digital radio no later than February 23, 2002.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Feb 27, 2001:** Introduced in Senate
- **Feb 27, 2001:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S1633-1634)
- **Feb 27, 2001:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (text of measure as introduced: CR S1634)