

## HR 4560

Auction Reform Act of 2002

**Congress:** 107 (2001–2003, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

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

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**Law:** 107-195 (Enacted Jun 19, 2002)

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### Sponsor

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**Name:** Rep. Tauzin, W. J. (Billy) [R-LA-3]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** LA • **Chamber:** House

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Rep. Bass, Charles F. [R-NH-2]	R · NH		Apr 24, 2002
Rep. Blunt, Roy [R-MO-7]	R · MO		Apr 24, 2002
Rep. Bono, Mary [R-CA-44]	R · CA		Apr 24, 2002
Rep. Boucher, Rick [D-VA-9]	D · VA		Apr 24, 2002
Rep. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH-13]	D · OH		Apr 24, 2002
Rep. Bryant, Ed [R-TN-7]	R · TN		Apr 24, 2002
Rep. Burr, Richard [R-NC-5]	R · NC		Apr 24, 2002
Rep. Buyer, Steve [R-IN-5]	R · IN		Apr 24, 2002
Rep. Capps, Lois [D-CA-22]	D · CA		Apr 24, 2002
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Rep. Davis, Tom [R-VA-11]	R · VA		Apr 24, 2002
Rep. Deal, Nathan [R-GA-9]	R · GA		Apr 24, 2002
Rep. DeGette, Diana [D-CO-1]	D · CO		Apr 24, 2002
Rep. Dingell, John D. [D-MI-16]	D · MI		Apr 24, 2002
Rep. Doyle, Michael F. [D-PA-18]	D · PA		Apr 24, 2002
Rep. Ehrlich, Robert L., Jr. [R-MD-2]	R · MD		Apr 24, 2002
Rep. Engel, Eliot L. [D-NY-17]	D · NY		Apr 24, 2002
Rep. Eshoo, Anna G. [D-CA-14]	D · CA		Apr 24, 2002
Rep. Fletcher, Ernie [R-KY-6]	R · KY		Apr 24, 2002
Rep. Fossella, Vito [R-NY-13]	R · NY		Apr 24, 2002
Rep. Gillmor, Paul E. [R-OH-5]	R · OH		Apr 24, 2002
Rep. Gordon, Bart [D-TN-6]	D · TN		Apr 24, 2002
Rep. Green, Gene [D-TX-29]	D · TX		Apr 24, 2002
Rep. Greenwood, James C. [R-PA-8]	R · PA		Apr 24, 2002
Rep. Hall, Ralph M. [D-TX-4]	D · TX		Apr 24, 2002
Rep. Harman, Jane [D-CA-36]	D · CA		Apr 24, 2002
Rep. John, Christopher [D-LA-7]	D · LA		Apr 24, 2002
Rep. Luther, Bill [D-MN-6]	D · MN		Apr 24, 2002
Rep. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA-7]	D · MA		Apr 24, 2002
Rep. McCarthy, Karen [D-MO-5]	D · MO		Apr 24, 2002
Rep. Norwood, Charles W. [R-GA-10]	R · GA		Apr 24, 2002
Rep. Pallone, Frank, Jr. [D-NJ-6]	D · NJ		Apr 24, 2002
Rep. Pickering, Charles W. "Chip" [R-MS-3]	R · MS		Apr 24, 2002
Rep. Pitts, Joseph R. [R-PA-16]	R · PA		Apr 24, 2002
Rep. Radanovich, George [R-CA-19]	R · CA		Apr 24, 2002
Rep. Rush, Bobby L. [D-IL-1]	D · IL		Apr 24, 2002
Rep. Sawyer, Tom [D-OH-14]	D · OH		Apr 24, 2002
Rep. Shadegg, John B. [R-AZ-4]	R · AZ		Apr 24, 2002
Rep. Shimkus, John [R-IL-20]	R · IL		Apr 24, 2002

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Rep. Strickland, Ted [D-OH-6]	D · OH		Apr 24, 2002
Rep. Stupak, Bart [D-MI-1]	D · MI		Apr 24, 2002
Rep. Terry, Lee [R-NE-2]	R · NE		Apr 24, 2002
Rep. Towns, Edolphus [D-NY-10]	D · NY		Apr 24, 2002
Rep. Upton, Fred [R-MI-6]	R · MI		Apr 24, 2002
Rep. Walden, Greg [R-OR-2]	R · OR		Apr 24, 2002
Rep. Waxman, Henry A. [D-CA-29]	D · CA		Apr 24, 2002
Rep. Whitfield, Ed [R-KY-1]	R · KY		Apr 24, 2002
Rep. Wilson, Heather [R-NM-1]	R · NM		Apr 24, 2002
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Rep. Dunn, Jennifer [R-WA-8]	R · WA		May 2, 2002
Rep. Peterson, Collin C. [D-MN-7]	D · MN		May 2, 2002
Rep. Cunningham, Randy (Duke) [R-CA-51]	R · CA		May 6, 2002

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Reported By	May 7, 2002

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
107 S 2454	Identical bill	<b>May 2, 2002:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Auction Reform Act of 2002 - Amends the Communications Act of 1934 to require the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to determine the timing of and deadlines for the conduct of competitive bidding for, and the auctioning of, electromagnetic spectrum used by analog television broadcasters.

Prohibits the FCC from commencing or conducting spectrum auctions 31 and 44 on June 19, 2002. Provides exceptions for the auction of certain C- and D-block licenses within the 700 megahertz band, requiring that auction to occur between August 19 and September 19, 2002. Requires the FCC to: (1) report to Congress specifying when it intends to reschedule such auctions and describing progress made in the transition from analog to digital television and in the assignment and allocation of additional spectrum for advanced mobile communications services that warrants the scheduling of such auctions; (2) return to the bidders for specified licenses of auction 44 the full amount of all up-front payments made; and (3) conduct auctions 31 and 44 prior to the September 30, 2007, termination of such auction authority.

States that nothing in this Act shall be construed to relieve television broadcast licensees of their current obligation to complete conversion from analog to digital television.

Prohibits the FCC, in granting a request by a television broadcast station licensee assigned to any of channels 52-69 to utilize any of channels 2-51 assigned for digital broadcasting in order to continue analog broadcasting during the transition to digital broadcasting, from waiving or otherwise reducing the current spacing requirements provided for analog broadcasting licensees within channels 2-51, or the interference standards provided for digital broadcasting licensees within such channels, if such waiver or reduction will result in any degradation or loss of service or an increased level of interference to any television household except as the FCC's rules would otherwise expressly permit. (Excludes any waivers previously granted.) Makes such restrictions inapplicable to a licensee seeking authority to vacate the frequencies that constitute channels 63, 64, 68, or 69 in order to make such frequencies available for public safety purposes.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Jun 19, 2002:** Signed by President.
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- **Jun 19, 2002:** Became Public Law No: 107-195.
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- **Jun 18, 2002:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S5673-5674)
- **Jun 18, 2002:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Jun 18, 2002:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Jun 18, 2002:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Jun 18, 2002:** Mr. Tauzin asked unanimous consent that the House agree to the Senate amendment.
- **Jun 18, 2002:** Resolving differences -- House actions: On motion that the House agree to the Senate amendment Agreed to without objection.(consideration: CR H3660-3661; text as House agreed to Senate amendment: CR H3660-3661)
- **Jun 18, 2002:** On motion that the House agree to the Senate amendment Agreed to without objection. (consideration: CR H3660-3661; text as House agreed to Senate amendment: CR H3660-3661)
- **Jun 18, 2002:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jun 18, 2002:** Presented to President.
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- **May 17, 2002:** Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 380.
- **May 9, 2002:** Read the first time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under Read the First Time.
- **May 8, 2002:** Received in the Senate.
- **May 7, 2002:** Reported by the Committee on Energy and Commerce. H. Rept. 107-443.
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- **May 7, 2002:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 264.
- **May 7, 2002:** Mr. Upton moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **May 7, 2002:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H2129-2132)
- **May 7, 2002:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 4560.
- **May 7, 2002:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H2130)
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- **May 7, 2002:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **May 2, 2002:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **May 2, 2002:** Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
- **Apr 24, 2002:** Introduced in House
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- **Apr 24, 2002:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E621-622)
- **Apr 24, 2002:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.