

HR 3914

Children's Protection from Violent Programming Act

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 11, 2004

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 S 161	Related bill	Jan 14, 2003: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (text of measure as introduced: CR 1/16/2003 S1070-1071)

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 continue to study and report annually 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

- **Mar 11, 2004:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H1030-1031)
- **Mar 11, 2004:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet.
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