

## HR 747

Telecommunications Development Fund Improvement Act of 2003

**Congress:** 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

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

**Introduced:** Feb 12, 2003

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet. (Feb 26, 2003)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/108th-congress/house-bill/747>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Towns, Edolphus [D-NY-10]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** NY • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (2 total)

| Cosponsor                     | Party / State | Role | Date Joined  |
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| Rep. Upton, Fred [R-MI-6]     | R · MI        |      | Feb 12, 2003 |
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### Committee Activity

| Committee                     | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
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| Energy and Commerce Committee | House   | Referred to | Feb 26, 2003 |

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

### Summary (as of Feb 12, 2003)

Telecommunications Development Fund Improvement Act of 2003 - Amends the Communications Act of 1934 to require any down payment that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) may require any bidder to submit before issuance of a station license or construction permit in a system of competitive bidding to be deposited in an interest-bearing account at a financial institution designated by the FCC. Requires, within 45 days following the issuance of such a license or permit: (1) the down payments of successful bidders to be paid to the Treasury; and (2) the interest accrued to the account to be transferred to the Telecommunications Development Fund.

Makes this Act inapplicable to down payments of any successful bidder in the FCC's C and F block broadband personal communications service spectrum auction (known as auction 35) or related claims.

## Actions Timeline

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