

S 1349

Video Choice Act of 2005

**Congress:** 109 (2005–2007, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

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

**Introduced:** Jun 30, 2005

**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 7/1/2005 S7832) (Jun 30, 2005)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/109th-congress/senate-bill/1349>

Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Smith, Gordon H. [R-OR]

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

Cosponsors (3 total)

| Cosponsor                            | Party / State | Role | Date Joined  |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|------|--------------|
| Sen. Rockefeller, John D., IV [D-WV] | D · WV        |      | Jun 30, 2005 |
| Sen. Chafee, Lincoln [R-RI]          | R · RI        |      | Dec 15, 2005 |
| Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]               | D · RI        |      | Mar 14, 2006 |

Committee Activity

| Committee                                       | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
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| Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee | Senate  | Referred To | Jun 30, 2005 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Science, Technology, Communications

Related Bills

| Bill        | Relationship | Last Action   |
|-------------|--------------|---|
| 109 HR 3146 | Related bill | <b>Jul 29, 2005:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet. |

Video Choice Act of 2005 - Amends the Communications Act of 1934 to prohibit a competitive video services provider (CVSP) from being required to obtain a franchise in order to provide any video programming, interactive on-demand services, other programming services, or any other video services in an area in which the CVSP has any right or authority to access public rights-of-way independent of any cable franchise obtained pursuant to any federal, state, or local law. Makes the CVSP be subject to the payment of fees (with limits) to a local franchising authority based on the gross revenue of the CVSP in that area.

Prohibits the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) or any state or political subdivision thereof from regulating the rates or any other aspect of the services provided by a CVSP.

Makes current franchise agreements entered into between a franchising authority and a CVSP exempt from this Act for the term of such agreement.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jun 30, 2005:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jun 30, 2005:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR 7/1/2005 S7831-7832)
- **Jun 30, 2005:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (text of measure as introduced: CR 7/1/2005 S7832)