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Local Community Radio Act of 2007

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Reported By	Mar 4, 2008

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 HR 2802	Identical bill	Jun 21, 2007: Referred to the Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet.

Local Community Radio Act of 2007 - Repeals provisions in the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2001, that required the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to: (1) modify rules authorizing the operation of low-power FM radio stations to prescribe minimum distance separations for third-adjacent channels; (2) prohibit applicants who have engaged in the unlicensed operation of any station from obtaining a low-power FM license; and (3) conduct a program to test whether low-power FM radio stations will result in harmful interference to existing FM radio stations if minimum distance separations for third-adjacent channels are not required.

Requires the FCC to: (1) modify its rules to eliminate third-adjacent minimum distance separation requirements between specified stations; and (2) retain rules that provide third-adjacent channel protection for full-power noncommercial FM stations that broadcast radio reading services via a subcarrier frequency from potential low-power FM station interference.

Requires the FCC, when licensing FM translator stations, to ensure: (1) that licenses are available to both FM translator stations and low-power FM stations; and (2) that such decisions are made based on the needs of the local community.

Requires the FCC to: (1) modify rules authorizing the operation of low-power FM radio stations, as proposed in a specified docket, to prohibit any applicant from obtaining a low-power FM license if the applicant has engaged in any manner in the unlicensed operation of any station; (2) retain its rules that provide third-adjacent channel protection for full-power FM stations that are licensed in states with more than 3,000,000 housing units and a population density greater than 1,000 people per square mile land area; and (3) conduct an economic study on the impact that low-power FM stations will have on full-power commercial FM stations.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 4, 2008:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported by Senator Inouye with an amendment. With written report No. 110-271.
- **Mar 4, 2008:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 591.
- **Oct 30, 2007:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported with amendments favorably.
- **Oct 24, 2007:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 110-1117.
- **Jun 21, 2007:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jun 21, 2007:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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