

S 2125

Preparing America's Seniors for the Digital Television Transition of [sic] Act of 2007

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • State: WI • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Boxer, Barbara [D-CA]	D · CA		Oct 29, 2007
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	Oct 2, 2007

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 HR 3862	Related bill	Nov 8, 2007: Referred to the Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet.

Preparing America's Seniors for the Digital Television Transition of [sic] Act of 2007 - Amends the Communications Act of 1934 to require the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), commencing not later than January 1, 2008, or 60 days after enactment, to enter into a partnership with the Administration on Aging and the National Telecommunications and Information Administration to create a comprehensive nationwide public education campaign that provides information and assistance to older individuals to ensure that such individuals receive uninterrupted television service during the transition from analog to digital television that is to occur on February 17, 2009, and to mitigate the likelihood of success of fraudulent schemes relating to such transition that may target such older individuals. Provides for an advisory board which shall include representatives from minorities, the disabled, non-native English speakers, tribal groups, and other vulnerable populations.

Sets forth: (1) public notification (and labeling and advertising, as appropriate) requirements for full power commercial television broadcast licensees, noncommercial broadcasters, multichannel video programming distributors, electronic retailers, and manufacturers; and (2) penalties for noncompliance.

Provides for grants for provide public education outreach and installation assistance to older individuals and other vulnerable populations.

Amends the Digital Television Transition and Public Safety Act of 2005 to revise the program specifications of the digital-to-analog converter box program, including requiring a standard application to receive a coupon.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 2, 2007:** Introduced in Senate
- **Oct 2, 2007:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S12435)
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