

S 2507

DTV Border Fix Act of 2008

Congress: 110 (2007–2009, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Science, Technology, Communications

Introduced: Dec 18, 2007

Current Status: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

Latest Action: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce. (Sep 8, 2008)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Hutchison, Kay Bailey [R-TX]

Party: Republican • State: TX • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Boxer, Barbara [D-CA]	D · CA		Dec 18, 2007
Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX]	R · TX		Apr 16, 2008
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Jul 9, 2008
Sen. Bingaman, Jeff [D-NM]	D · NM		Jul 16, 2008

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Reported By	Jul 17, 2008
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 8, 2008

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 HR 5435	Related bill	Feb 13, 2008: Referred to the Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet.

DTV Border Fix Act of 2008 - Amends the Communications Act of 1934 to allow the renewal of a full-power analog television broadcasting license through February 17, 2013, for stations located within 50 miles of the U.S. border with Mexico, provided certain requirements are met, including that the renewal does not: (1) prevent the auction of recovered spectrum; (2) encumber or interfere with any channel reserved for public safety use; and (3) prevent the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) from considering or granting a request for waiver submitted for public safety service prior to enactment of this Act.

Requires the FCC, if mutually exclusive applications are submitted to use a channel under the amendments made by this Act, to award the authority to use the channel through competitive bidding under existing procedures.

Prohibits the FCC from extending or renewing a full-power television broadcast license that authorizes analog service on or after February 17, 2013.

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### **Actions Timeline**

- **Sep 8, 2008:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet.
- **Sep 8, 2008:** Received in the House.
- **Sep 8, 2008:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.
- **Aug 1, 2008:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S8005-8006)
- **Aug 1, 2008:** The committee substitute as amended agreed to by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S8005; text: CR S8005)
- **Aug 1, 2008:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.(text: CR S8005-8006)
- **Aug 1, 2008:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent. (text: CR S8005-8006)
- **Aug 1, 2008:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Jul 17, 2008:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported by Senator Inouye with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 110-424.
- **Jul 17, 2008:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 886.
- **Apr 24, 2008:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Dec 18, 2007:** Introduced in Senate
- **Dec 18, 2007:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.