

HR 3602

TV Consumer Freedom Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Science, Technology, Communications

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Paul, Ron [R-TX-14]

Party: Republican • **State:** TX • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 19, 2007
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 12, 2007

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

TV Consumer Freedom Act - Amends the Communications Act of 1934 to allow any cable system or other multichannel video programming distributor to retransmit the signal of a broadcasting station, or any part thereof, only with the express authority of that station (thereby removing authority under current law for such retransmission in the case of the carriage of local television signals by satellite carriers and cable operators). Directs the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to commence a rulemaking proceeding to revise regulations governing the exercise by broadcast stations of the right to grant such consent.

Repeals federal provisions requiring cable operators to carry the signals of local commercial television stations and qualified noncommercial educational television stations.

Terminates upon the enactment of this Act all FCC regulations requiring television receivers sold in the United States to include particular types of features or functions, or specifying the type of technology to be used to provide such features or functions.

Grants a satellite carrier, notwithstanding any injunction issued under specified provisions, a statutory license to provide a secondary transmission of a performance or display of a work embodied in a primary transmission made by a network station.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 12, 2007:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property.
- **Sep 19, 2007:** Introduced in House
- **Sep 19, 2007:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E1922)
- **Sep 19, 2007:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
- **Sep 19, 2007:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet.