

HR 6533

Local Community Radio Act of 2010

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Sponsor

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	Dec 16, 2010

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 S 592	Related bill	Mar 9, 2010: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 310.
111 HR 1147	Related bill	Dec 24, 2009: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The expanded summary of the House passed version is repeated here.)

Local Community Radio Act of 2010 - (Sec. 2) Amends the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2001 to require the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to modify the rules authorizing the operation of low-power FM radio stations, as proposed in MM Docket No. 99-25, to: (1) prescribe protection for co-channels and first- and second-adjacent channels; and (2) 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 in violation of the Communications Act of 1934. (Current law is the same, except that clause (1) instead requires prescribing minimum distance separations for third-adjacent channels, as well as for co-channels and first- and second-adjacent channels.)

States that any license that was issued by the FCC to a low-power FM station prior to April 2, 2001, and that does not comply with the modifications adopted by the Commission in the above docket on April 2, 2001, shall remain invalid.

Eliminates provisions prohibiting the FCC from extending the eligibility for application for low-power FM stations beyond the organizations and entities as proposed in the above docket.

(Sec. 3) Requires the FCC to eliminate third-adjacent minimum distance separation requirements between: (1) low-power FM stations; and (2) full-service FM stations, FM translator stations, and FM booster stations. Prohibits the FCC from reducing the minimum co-channel and first- and second-adjacent channel distance separation requirements in effect on the date of enactment of this Act between: (1) low-power FM stations; and (2) full-service FM stations.

Authorizes a waiver of the second-adjacent channel distance separation requirement to any low-power FM station that establishes that its proposed operations will not interfere with any authorized radio service, provided that, upon notification by the FCC that it is causing certain interference, such station must: (1) suspend operation; and (2) resume operation only after interference has been eliminated or it demonstrates that such interference was not due to the low-power FM station's emissions.

(Sec. 4) Requires the FCC to comply with its existing minimum distance separation requirements for full-service FM stations, FM translator stations, and FM booster stations that broadcast radio reading services via an analog subcarrier frequency to avoid potential interference by low-power FM stations.

(Sec. 5) Requires the FCC, when licensing new FM translator stations, FM booster stations, and low-power FM stations, to ensure that: (1) licenses are available to FM translator stations, FM booster stations, and low-power FM stations; (2) such decisions are made based on the needs of the local community; and (3) FM translator stations, FM booster stations, and low-power FM stations remain equal in status and secondary to existing and modified full-service FM stations.

(Sec. 6) Requires the FCC to modify its rules to address the potential for predicted interference to FM translator input signals on third-adjacent channels set forth in a specified technical report.

(Sec. 7) Requires the FCC to modify the interference complaint process in specified ways.

(Sec. 8) Requires the FCC to study and report to Congress on the impact that low-power FM stations will have on full-service commercial FM stations.

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 4, 2011:** Signed by President.
- **Jan 4, 2011:** Became Public Law No: 111-371.
- **Dec 28, 2010:** Presented to President.
- **Dec 20, 2010:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 18, 2010:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S10696)
- **Dec 18, 2010:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S10696)
- **Dec 18, 2010:** Cleared for White House.
- **Dec 17, 2010:** Mr. Doyle moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Dec 17, 2010:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H8619-8623)
- **Dec 17, 2010:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 6533.
- **Dec 17, 2010:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H8620-8621)
- **Dec 17, 2010:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H8620-8621)
- **Dec 17, 2010:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Dec 17, 2010:** Received in the Senate, read twice.
- **Dec 16, 2010:** Introduced in House
- **Dec 16, 2010:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.