

## S 3516

### Rural Spectrum Accessibility Act of 2012

**Congress:** 112 (2011–2013, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Science, Technology, Communications

**Introduced:** Aug 2, 2012

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (Aug 2, 2012)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/112th-congress/senate-bill/3516>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Snowe, Olympia J. [R-ME]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** ME • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Sep 10, 2012

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	Aug 2, 2012

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

### Summary (as of Aug 2, 2012)

Rural Spectrum Accessibility Act of 2012 - Directs the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to establish a program under which a wireless carrier receiving a license under specified provisions of the Communications Act of 1934 may partition or disaggregate the license in order to make unused spectrum available to small carriers or carriers serving certain rural areas.

Defines "small carrier" as a carrier with annual revenue less than \$500 million or that provides wireless service to less than 1.5 million customers.

Provides carriers receiving such licenses and participating in the program with a three-year extension of licenses granted under this Act.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Aug 2, 2012:** Introduced in Senate
- **Aug 2, 2012:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S5988)
- **Aug 2, 2012:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.