

## S 1632

### Viewer and Listener Protection Act of 2017

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**Chamber:** Senate

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

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**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (Jul 26, 2017)

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## Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Moran, Jerry [R-KS]

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

## Cosponsors (10 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Jul 26, 2017
Sen. Inhofe, James M. [R-OK]	R · OK		Jul 26, 2017
Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]	D · HI		Jul 26, 2017
Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM]	D · NM		Jul 26, 2017
Sen. Young, Todd [R-IN]	R · IN		Jul 26, 2017
Sen. Donnelly, Joe [D-IN]	D · IN		Oct 4, 2017
Sen. Hoeven, John [R-ND]	R · ND		Oct 4, 2017
Sen. Hassan, Margaret Wood [D-NH]	D · NH		Oct 19, 2017
Sen. Roberts, Pat [R-KS]	R · KS		Oct 19, 2017
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Feb 27, 2018

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 26, 2017

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 3685	Related bill	Sep 8, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.

## Viewer and Listener Protection Act of 2017

This bill establishes the Viewer and Listener Protection Fund through FY2022 to reimburse costs incurred by: (1) a multichannel video programming distributor (e.g. cable provider) in order to continue to carry the signal of a broadcast television licensee under specified conditions, and (2) a broadcast television station or broadcast radio station during the ongoing reorganization of the broadcast television spectrum.

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is directed to modify the transition periods for broadcast television stations that are changing channels or broadcast frequencies as part of the reorganization to ensure their broadcasting is not stopped for a significant amount of time. The FCC shall also make an effort to preserve the coverage area and population served by a broadcast radio station that is impacted by the ongoing broadcast frequency reorganization.

### **Actions Timeline**

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