

## HR 5709

### PIRATE Act

**Congress:** 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

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

**Introduced:** May 8, 2018

**Current Status:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transp

**Latest Action:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (Jul 24, 2018)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/5709>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Lance, Leonard [R-NJ-7]

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

### Cosponsors (14 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Bilirakis, Gus M. [R-FL-12]	R · FL		May 8, 2018
Rep. Collins, Chris [R-NY-27]	R · NY		May 8, 2018
Rep. Dingell, Debbie [D-MI-12]	D · MI		May 8, 2018
Rep. Faso, John J. [R-NY-19]	R · NY		May 8, 2018
Rep. Flores, Bill [R-TX-17]	R · TX		May 8, 2018
Rep. Green, Gene [D-TX-29]	D · TX		May 8, 2018
Rep. King, Peter T. [R-NY-2]	R · NY		May 8, 2018
Rep. Maloney, Carolyn B. [D-NY-12]	D · NY		May 8, 2018
Rep. Maloney, Sean Patrick [D-NY-18]	D · NY		May 8, 2018
Rep. Moulton, Seth [D-MA-6]	D · MA		May 8, 2018
Rep. Rice, Kathleen M. [D-NY-4]	D · NY		May 8, 2018
Rep. Tonko, Paul [D-NY-20]	D · NY		May 8, 2018
Rep. Velazquez, Nydia M. [D-NY-7]	D · NY		May 8, 2018
Rep. Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN-7]	R · TN		Jun 19, 2018

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 24, 2018
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Reported by	Jun 13, 2018

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

## Related Bills

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*No related bills are listed.*

## Summary (as of Jul 23, 2018)

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### Preventing Illegal Radio Abuse Through Enforcement Act or the PIRATE Act

(Sec. 2) This bill amends the Communications Act of 1934 to address unlicensed radio broadcasting (called "pirating"), including:

- increasing the fine for a pirate radio broadcasting violation to not more than \$2 million,
- imposing a fine of up to \$100,000 per day for pirating violations subject to the \$2 million limit, and
- establishing a fine of up to \$2 million for any person who facilitates pirate radio broadcasting ("facilitating" includes providing access to property or providing physical goods or services).

The FCC must: (1) annually report to Congress summarizing implementation of this bill and associated enforcement activities for the previous fiscal year; and (2) at least once a year, assign appropriate enforcement personnel to focus specific and sustained attention on the elimination of pirate radio broadcasting within the top five radio markets.

The FCC may not preempt any state or local law prohibiting pirate radio broadcasting.

The FCC shall: (1) revise its rules to require that, absent good cause, in any case alleging a violation, it shall proceed directly to issue a Notice of Apparent Liability without first issuing a Notice of Unlicensed Operations; and (2) publish a database of all licensed radio stations operating in the AM and FM bands, which shall be easily accessible from the FCC home page, identifying each licensed station and all entities that have received a Notice of Unlicensed Operation, Notice of Apparent Liability, or Forfeiture Order by the FCC.

(Sec. 3) No additional funds are authorized to carry out this bill.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Jul 24, 2018:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
- **Jul 23, 2018:** Mr. Lance moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Jul 23, 2018:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H6597-6598)
- **Jul 23, 2018:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 5709.
- **Jul 23, 2018:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H6597)
- **Jul 23, 2018:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H6597)
- **Jul 23, 2018:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jul 18, 2018:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Energy and Commerce. H. Rept. 115-843.
- **Jul 18, 2018:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 652.
- **Jul 12, 2018:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 12, 2018:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Jun 13, 2018:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jun 13, 2018:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by Voice Vote .
- **May 11, 2018:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.
- **May 8, 2018:** Introduced in House
- **May 8, 2018:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.