

S 1228

PIRATE Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Science, Technology, Communications

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Daines, Steve [R-MT]

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

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]	D · MI		Apr 29, 2019

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Reported By	Dec 17, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 583	Identical bill	Jan 24, 2020: Became Public Law No: 116-109.

Preventing Illegal Radio Abuse Through Enforcement Act or the PIRATE Act

This bill addresses unlicensed radio broadcasting (called pirating), including by increasing to \$2 million the maximum fine for a pirate radio broadcasting violation and imposing a fine of up to \$100,000 per day for pirating violations subject to the \$2 million limit.

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) must (1) annually submit to Congress a report 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 band that includes each licensed station and all entities that have received a Notice of Unlicensed Operation, Notice of Apparent Liability, or Forfeiture Order from the FCC.

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 9, 2020:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Jan 9, 2020:** Received in the House.
- **Jan 9, 2020:** Held at the desk.
- **Jan 8, 2020:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S81; text: CR S81)
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- **Dec 17, 2019:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported by Senator Wicker without amendment. With written report No. 116-178.
- **Dec 17, 2019:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 374.
- **May 15, 2019:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Apr 29, 2019:** Introduced in Senate
- **Apr 29, 2019:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.