

HR 5035

Television Viewer Protection Act of 2019

Congress: 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Science, Technology, Communications

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Doyle, Michael F. [D-PA-18]

Party: Democratic • **State:** PA • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	Dec 11, 2019
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Reported by	Nov 14, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 1865	Related bill	Dec 20, 2019: Became Public Law No: 116-94.

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This bill addresses provisions related to the retransmission of television-station signals and applies consumer-rights and transparency requirements to consumers' cable and satellite services.

Specifically, the bill makes permanent a provision that allows a multichannel video programming distributor (MVPD) to retransmit television-station signals directly to a home if the subscriber receiving the signal resides in an unserved household located outside the local market of such a station. The bill also allows an MVPD to designate a qualified MVPD buying group to negotiate on its behalf with large broadcast ownership groups regarding retransmission consent for broadcast programming.

Further, the bill requires that providers of internet, voice, mobile, data, and MVPD services (1) engage in transparent sales and e-billing, and (2) refrain from charging a consumer for using equipment not provided by the service provider.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 11, 2019:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
- **Dec 10, 2019:** Mr. Doyle, Michael F. moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Dec 10, 2019:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H9960-9961)
- **Dec 10, 2019:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 5035.
- **Dec 10, 2019:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H9960-9961)
- **Dec 10, 2019:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H9960-9961)
- **Dec 10, 2019:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Dec 9, 2019:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Energy and Commerce. H. Rept. 116-329.
- **Dec 9, 2019:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 265.
- **Nov 20, 2019:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Nov 20, 2019:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Nov 14, 2019:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Nov 14, 2019:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote .
- **Nov 13, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.
- **Nov 12, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Nov 12, 2019:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.
- **Jun 4, 2019:** Hearings Held by the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology Prior to Introduction and Referral.