

S 3405

Low Power Protection Act

Congress: 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Science, Technology, Communications

Introduced: Dec 15, 2021

Current Status: Became Public Law No: 117-344.

Latest Action: Became Public Law No: 117-344. (Jan 5, 2023)

Law: 117-344 (Enacted Jan 5, 2023)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-bill/3405>

Sponsor

Name: Sen. Blunt, Roy [R-MO]

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

Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Dec 15, 2021
Sen. Fischer, Deb [R-NE]	R · NE		Mar 15, 2022
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Mar 15, 2022
Sen. Cruz, Ted [R-TX]	R · TX		Sep 29, 2022
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		Sep 29, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Reported By	Dec 15, 2022

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This act provides for a one-year period during which eligible low-power television stations may apply to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) for Class A licenses. To be eligible, a station must serve a media market with a limited number of television households, broadcast a minimum number of hours, and meet other requirements.

A low-power station with a Class A license obtains certain broadcast rights, including primary status with respect to its allocation of the electromagnetic spectrum. (Typically, low-power stations have secondary status and may be displaced from their spectrum in the event the FCC reallocates it to a primary user.)

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 5, 2023:** Signed by President.
- **Jan 5, 2023:** Became Public Law No: 117-344.
- **Dec 28, 2022:** Presented to President.
- **Dec 22, 2022:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 22, 2022:** Received in the House.
- **Dec 22, 2022:** Held at the desk.
- **Dec 22, 2022:** Mr. Pallone moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Dec 22, 2022:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H10028-10029)
- **Dec 22, 2022:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 3405.
- **Dec 22, 2022:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.
- **Dec 22, 2022:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H10028)
- **Dec 22, 2022:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Dec 21, 2022:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Dec 21, 2022:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S9724-9725; text: CR S9725)
- **Dec 15, 2022:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported by Senator Cantwell with an amendment. Without written report.
- **Dec 15, 2022:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 659.
- **Mar 22, 2022:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported with an amendment favorably.
- **Dec 15, 2021:** Introduced in Senate
- **Dec 15, 2021:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.