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Broadcast Freedom and Independence Act of 2025

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** NM • **Chamber:** Senate

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		Mar 5, 2025
Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV]	D · NV		Mar 5, 2025
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Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Dec 4, 2025
Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		Mar 10, 2026

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 5, 2025

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
119 HR 1880	Identical bill	Mar 5, 2025: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

Broadcast Freedom and Independence Act of 2025

This bill prohibits the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) from taking action against or imposing certain conditions on individuals on the basis of viewpoints broadcast or disseminated by the individuals or their affiliates.

Specifically, the FCC may not revoke a license or authorization of, or otherwise take action against, an individual or entity on the basis of viewpoints broadcast or otherwise disseminated by the individual or entity or an affiliate thereof. Further, the FCC may not impose conditions on its approval of certain transactions on the basis of viewpoints broadcast or otherwise disseminated by the individual or entity seeking approval of the transaction, or an affiliate thereof.

Under the bill, the FCC retains its authority to take action or impose conditions on the basis of (1) violations of certain existing laws regarding lottery information, fraud, and obscene language; or (2) the broadcast or other dissemination of content that constitutes incitement under the First Amendment.

