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H. R. 3073

To amend the Communications Act of 1934 in order to allow the continued operation of certain overlapping stations.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 12, 1996

Mrs. ROUKEMA (for herself and Mr. TORRICELLI) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. FM TRANSLATOR STATIONS.**

4 Section 331 of the Act (47 U.S.C. 331) is amended
5 by adding at the end the following new subsection:

6 “(c) FM TRANSLATOR STATIONS.—It shall be the
7 policy of the Commission, to extend to licensed FM trans-
8 lator stations, operating in a county which has a popu-
9 lation of more than 750,000 persons that lacks a commer-
10 cial FM station assignment—

1 “(1) authority for local programming origina-
2 tion, provided such FM translator station abides by
3 all rules and regulations of the Commission regard-
4 ing program material, content, and schedule, which
5 authority shall be effective upon written notification
6 to the Commission from the licensee of the FM
7 translator station; and

8 “(2) authority to operate with an effective radi-
9 ated power not to exceed 1,000 watts, if—

10 “(A) the FM translator station is not lo-
11 cated within 320 kilometers (approximately 199
12 miles) of either the Canadian or Mexican bor-
13 ders,

14 “(B) the FM translator station’s interfer-
15 ing contour would not create a new area of
16 overlap attributable only to the FM translator
17 station within the protected contour of a
18 cochannel or first-adjacent channel facility, and

19 “(C) the FM translator station complies
20 with the requirements of part 74 of the regula-
21 tions of the Commission (47 C.F.R. 74.1 et
22 seq.),

23 which authority shall be effective upon grant of a
24 minor change application for construction permit.

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