

104TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 3207

To amend the Communications Act of 1934 to facilitate utilization of  
volunteer resources on behalf of the amateur radio service.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 29, 1996

Mr. BAKER of California (for himself, Mr. BEREUTER, Mr. BROWN of California, Mr. CALVERT, Mrs. CLAYTON, Mr. COX of California, Mr. DICKS, Mr. DELLUMS, Mr. EHLERS, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. FARR of California, Mr. FUNDERBURK, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Mr. HASTERT, Mr. JACOBS, Mr. PARKER, Mr. ROGERS, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. ROTH, Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. WELDON of Florida, Mr. WILSON, and Mr. WISE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce

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## A BILL

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utilization of volunteer resources on behalf of the ama-  
teur radio service.

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Amateur Radio Volun-  
5 teer Services Act of 1996”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.**

2 (a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds and declares as  
3 follows:

4 (1) Since 1982, following the enactment of  
5 Public Law 97–259, the Federal Communications  
6 Commission has been authorized to utilize volunteer  
7 assistance of licensees in the amateur radio service  
8 for—

9 (A) the preparation and administration of  
10 amateur radio license examinations; and

11 (B) on-air monitoring for violations in the  
12 amateur radio service.

13 (2) These volunteer services provided by indi-  
14 vidual amateur radio licensees have greatly enhanced  
15 the self-regulatory character of the Service, and have  
16 saved the Commission countless hours of staff time  
17 and other resources.

18 (3) The perception that volunteers put personal  
19 assets at risk in the event of actions against them  
20 as the result of their voluntary services may result  
21 in nonparticipation of volunteers or withdrawal from  
22 volunteer service.

23 (b) PURPOSE.—It is the purpose of this Act to pro-  
24 tect the provision of volunteer services to the Federal  
25 Communications Commission as provided for in the Com-

1 munications Act of 1934, in the administration of the  
2 amateur radio service.

3 **SEC. 3. FACILITATION OF VOLUNTEER SERVICES TO THE**  
4 **FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN**  
5 **PROGRAMS BENEFITING THE AMATEUR**  
6 **RADIO SERVICE.**

7 Section 4(f)(4)(G) of the Communications Act of  
8 1934 (47 U.S.C. 154(f)(4)(G)) is hereby amended by in-  
9 serting before the period at the end thereof the following:  
10 “, except that individual licensees in the amateur radio  
11 service who provide volunteer services pursuant to sub-  
12 paragraph (A), (B), or (C) of this paragraph, or pursuant  
13 to subsection (g)(3)(B), shall be deemed to be Federal em-  
14 ployees only for the purposes of chapter 171 of title 28,  
15 United States Code.”.

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