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# H. R. 963

To amend the Communications Act of 1934 in order to permit recreational radio operations without radio licenses.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 15, 1995

Mr. STUPAK (for himself and Mr. FIELDS of Texas) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce

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## 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. LICENSING OF AVIATION, MARITIME, AND PER-**

4 **SONAL RADIO SERVICES BY RULE.**

5 Section 307(e) of the Communications Act of 1934  
6 (47 U.S.C. 307(e)) is amended to read as follows:

7 “(e)(1) Notwithstanding any license requirement es-  
8 tablished in this Act, if the Commission determines that  
9 such authorization serves the public interest, convenience,  
10 and necessity, the Commission may by rule authorize the

1 operation of radio stations without individual licenses in  
2 the following radio services: (A) the personal radio serv-  
3 ices; (B) the aviation radio service for aircraft stations op-  
4 erated on domestic flights when such aircraft are not oth-  
5 erwise required to carry a radio station; and (C) the mari-  
6 time radio service for ship stations navigated on domestic  
7 voyages when such ships are not otherwise required to  
8 carry a radio station.

9       “(2) Any radio station operator who is authorized by  
10 the Commission to operate without an individual license  
11 shall comply with all other provisions of this Act and with  
12 rules prescribed by the Commission under this Act.

13       “(3) For purposes of this subsection, the terms ‘per-  
14 sonal radio services’, ‘aircraft station’, and ‘ship station’  
15 shall have the meanings given them by the Commission  
16 by rule, except that the term ‘personal radio services’ shall  
17 not include the amateur service.”.

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