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S. 2454

To amend the Communications Act of 1934 to authorize low-power television stations to provide digital data services to subscribers.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BURNS (for himself and Mr. BREAU) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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. PROVISION OF DIGITAL DATA SERVICES BY**
4 **LOW-POWER TELEVISION STATIONS.**

5 Section 336 of the Communications Act of 1934 (47
6 U.S.C. 336) is amended—

7 (1) by redesignating subsection (h) as sub-
8 section (i); and

1 (2) by inserting after subsection (g) the fol-
2 lowing:

3 “(h) LPTV PROVISION OF DIGITAL DATA SERV-
4 ICES.—

5 “(1) IN GENERAL.—A low-power television sta-
6 tion may utilize its authorized spectrum to provide
7 digital data services to the public by subscription.

8 “(2) NOTICE REQUIRED.—Before providing
9 such services under paragraph (1), a low-power tele-
10 vision station shall provide notice to the Commission
11 in such form and at such time as the Commission
12 may require.

13 “(3) PROTECTION FROM INTERFERENCE.—The
14 Commission may not authorize any new service, tele-
15 vision broadcast station, or modification of any ex-
16 isting authority that would result in the displace-
17 ment of, or predicted interference with, a low-power
18 television station providing such services.

19 “(4) PROTECTION OF TELEVISION SIGNALS.—
20 The Commission shall prevent interference with tele-
21 vision signal reception from low-power television sta-
22 tions providing such services.

23 “(5) DIGITAL DATA SERVICE DEFINED.—In this
24 subsection, the term ‘digital data service’ includes—

1 “(A) digitally-based interactive broadcast
2 service; and

3 “(B) wireless Internet access, without re-
4 gard to whether such access is—

5 “(i) provided on a one-way or a two-
6 way basis;

7 “(ii) portable or fixed; or

8 “(iii) connected to the Internet via a
9 band allocated to Interactive Video and
10 Data Service, and

11 without regard to the technology employed in deliv-
12 ering such service, including the delivery of such
13 service via multiple transmitters at multiple loca-
14 tions.”.

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