

113TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 4588

To amend the Communications Act of 1934 to deny the right to grant retransmission consent to a television broadcast station if an AM or FM radio broadcast station licensed to the same licensee transmits a sound recording without providing compensation for programming.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 7, 2014

Mrs. BLACKBURN (for herself and Ms. ESHOO) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Energy and 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Protecting the Rights
5 of Musicians Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EFFECT OF CERTAIN RADIO TRANSMISSIONS ON**
2 **RIGHT TO GRANT TELEVISION RETRANS-**
3 **MISSION CONSENT.**

4 Section 325(b)(2) of the Communications Act of
5 1934 (47 U.S.C. 325(b)(2)) is amended—

6 (1) in subparagraph (D), by striking “or” at
7 the end;

8 (2) in subparagraph (E), by striking the period
9 at the end and inserting “; or”; and

10 (3) by inserting after subparagraph (E) the fol-
11 lowing:

12 “(F) to retransmission of the signal of a tele-
13 vision broadcast station if the licensee of such sta-
14 tion is also the licensee of an AM or FM radio
15 broadcast station and, during the term of the license
16 for such television broadcast station in which such
17 retransmission occurs, such licensee has transmitted
18 a sound recording over such radio station without
19 providing compensation for all programming carried
20 over the signal.”.

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