

“(c) CONSUMER RIGHTS TO ACCURATE EQUIPMENT CHARGES.—A provider of a covered service or fixed broadband internet access service may not charge a consumer for—

“(1) using covered equipment provided by the consumer; or

“(2) renting, leasing, or otherwise providing to the consumer covered equipment if—

“(A) the provider has not provided the equipment to the consumer; or

“(B) the consumer has returned the equipment to the provider, except to the extent that the charge relates to the period beginning on the date when the provider provided the equipment to the consumer and ending on the date when the consumer returned the equipment to the provider.

“(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

“(1) BROADBAND INTERNET ACCESS SERVICE.—The term ‘broadband internet access service’ has the meaning given such term in section 8.1(b) of title 47, Code of Federal Regulations, or any successor regulation.

“(2) COVERED EQUIPMENT.—The term ‘covered equipment’ means equipment (such as a router) employed on the premises of a person (other than a provider of a covered service or fixed broadband internet access service) to provide a covered service or to provide fixed broadband internet access service.

“(3) COVERED SERVICE.—The term ‘covered service’ means service provided by a multichannel video programming distributor, to the extent such distributor is acting as a multichannel video programming distributor.”

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Section 642 of the Communications Act of 1934, as added by subsection (a) of this section, shall apply beginning on the date that is 6 months after the date of the enactment of this Act. The Federal Communications Commission may grant an additional 6-month extension if the Commission finds that good cause exists for such an additional extension.

Time periods.
47 USC 562 note.

Extension.

TITLE XI—ELIGIBILITY TO RECEIVE SIGNALS UNDER A DISTANT-SIGNAL SATELLITE LICENSE

Satellite
Television
Community
Protection and
Promotion Act
of 2019.

SEC. 1101. SHORT TITLE.

17 USC 101 note.

This title may be cited as the “Satellite Television Community Protection and Promotion Act of 2019”.

SEC. 1102. ELIGIBILITY TO RECEIVE SIGNALS UNDER A DISTANT-SIGNAL SATELLITE LICENSE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 119 of title 17, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) in paragraph (2)—

(i) in subparagraph (A)—

(I) by striking “signals, and” and inserting “signals,”;

(II) by inserting “, and the carrier provides local-into-local service to all DMAs” after “receiving the secondary transmission”; and

(III) by adding at the end the following new sentence: “Failure to reach an agreement with a network station to retransmit the signals of the station shall not be construed to affect compliance with providing local-into-local service to all DMAs if the satellite carrier has the capability to retransmit such signals when an agreement is reached.”; and

(ii) in subparagraph (B)—

(I) by striking clauses (ii) and (iii);

(II) by adding at the end the following:

“(ii) **SHORT MARKETS.**—In the case of secondary transmissions to households located in short markets, subject to clause (i), the statutory license shall be further limited to secondary transmissions of only those primary transmissions of network stations that embody the programming of networks not offered on the primary stream or the multicast stream transmitted by any network station in that market.”;

(B) by striking paragraphs (3), (6)(E), (9), (10), and (13); and

(C) by redesignating paragraphs (4), (5), (6), (7), (8), (11), (12), and (14) as paragraphs (3) through (10), respectively;

(2) in subsection (c)(1)(E)—

(A) by striking the comma after “in the agreement”;

(B) by striking “until December 31, 2019, or”; and

(C) by striking “, whichever is later” and inserting “until the subscriber for which the royalty is payable is no longer eligible to receive a secondary transmission pursuant to the license under this section”;

(3) in subsection (d)—

(A) in paragraph (10)—

(i) in subparagraph (D), by striking “subsection (a)(11)” and inserting “subsection (a)(8)”;

(ii) by striking subparagraphs (A), (B), (C), and (E);

(iii) by redesignating subparagraph (D) as subparagraph (A); and

(iv) by adding at the end the following:

“(B) is a subscriber located in a short market.”;

(B) by striking paragraph (13);

(C) by redesignating paragraphs (14) and (15) as paragraphs (13) and (14), respectively; and

(D) by adding at the end the following:

“(15) **LOCAL-INTO-LOCAL SERVICE TO ALL DMAS.**—The term ‘local-into-local service to all DMAs’ has the meaning given such term in subsection (f)(7).

“(16) **SHORT MARKET.**—The term ‘short market’ means a local market in which programming of one or more of the four most widely viewed television networks nationwide is not offered on either the primary stream or multicast stream transmitted by any network station in that market or is temporarily

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or permanently unavailable as a result of an act of god or other force majeure event beyond the control of the carrier.”;

(4) by striking subsections (e) and (h);

(5) in subsection (g)(7), by inserting “, except for designated market areas where the entity is temporarily or permanently unable to provide local service as a result of an act of god or other force majeure event beyond the control of the entity” after “section 122”; and

(6) by redesignating subsections (f) and (g) as subsections (e) and (f).

(b) PREVIOUSLY COVERED SUBSCRIBERS UNDER THE STELA REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2014.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—A subscriber of a satellite carrier who receives the secondary transmission of a network station under the statutory license in section 119 of title 17, United States Code, as in effect on the day before the date of the enactment of this Act, and to whom subsection (a)(2)(B) of such section, as amended by subsection (a), does not apply, shall continue to be eligible to receive that secondary transmission from such carrier under such license, and at the royalty rate established for such license by the Copyright Royalty Board or voluntary agreement, as applicable, until the date that is the earlier of—

(A) May 31, 2020; or

(B) the date on which such carrier provides local-into-local service to all DMAs.

(2) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection, the terms “satellite carrier”, “subscriber”, “secondary transmission”, “network station”, and “local-into-local service to all DMAs” have the meaning given those terms in section 119 of title 17, United States Code.

(c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Title 17, United States Code, is further amended—

(1) in section 119, as amended by subsection (a)—

(A) in subsection (a)—

(i) in paragraph (1), by striking “paragraphs (4), (5), and (7)” and inserting “paragraphs (3), (4), and (6)”; and

(ii) in paragraph (2), by striking “paragraphs (4), (5), (6), and (7)” and inserting “paragraphs (3), (4), (5), and (6)”; and

(B) in subsection (f), as so redesignated, by striking “subsection (a)(7)(B)” each place it appears and inserting “subsection (a)(5)(B)”; and

(2) in section 501(e), by striking “section 119(a)(5)” and inserting “section 119(a)(3)”.

Eligibility.
Termination
date.
17 USC 119 note.

TITLE XII—GROUND FISH TRAWL FISHERY

SEC. 1201. GROUND FISH TRAWL FISHERY.

The Secretary of Commerce shall forgive the interest accrued on the Groundfish Trawl fishery sub-loan regarding fishing capacity reduction in the West Coast groundfish fishery authorized by section 212 of division B, title II, of Public Law 108–7 from December 4, 2003, through September 8, 2005, and the portion of additional

Loans.
Time periods.