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S. 1694

To allow the funding for the interoperable emergency communications grant program established under the Digital Television Transition and Public Safety Act of 2005 to remain available until expended through fiscal year 2012, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 22, 2009

Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself and Mrs. HUTCHISON) 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. PUBLIC SAFETY INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICA-**
4 **TIONS GRANTS.**

5 (a) Notwithstanding section 3006(a)(2) of the Digital
6 Television Transition and Public Safety Act of 2005 (47
7 U.S.C. 309 note), sums made available to administer the

1 Public Safety Interoperable Communications Grant Pro-
2 gram under section 309(j)(8)(E) of the Communications
3 Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 309(j)(8)(E)) shall remain avail-
4 able until expended, but not beyond September 30, 2012.

5 (b) The period for performance of any investment ap-
6 proved under the Program as of the date of enactment
7 of this Act shall be extended by one year, but not later
8 than September 30, 2011, except that the Assistant Sec-
9 retary of Commerce for Communications and Information
10 may extend, on a case-by-case basis, the period of per-
11 formance for any investment approved under the Program
12 as of that date for a period of not more than 2 years,
13 but not later than September 30, 2012. In making a deter-
14 mination as to whether an extension beyond September
15 30, 2011, is warranted, the Assistant Secretary should
16 consider the circumstances that gave rise to the need for
17 the extension, the likelihood of completion of performance
18 within the deadline for completion, and such other factors
19 as the Assistant Secretary deems necessary to make the
20 determination.

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