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S. 2375

To amend the Communications Act of 1934 to facilitate paid television service in certain counties, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 21, 2014

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

A BILL

To amend the Communications Act of 1934 to facilitate paid television service in certain counties, and for other purposes.

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 “Colorado News, Emer-
5 gency, Weather, and Sports Act of 2014”.

1 **SEC. 2. FACILITATING DELIVERY OF RELEVANT TELE-**
2 **VISION PROGRAMMING TO UNSERVED CON-**
3 **SUMERS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 341(a) of the Commu-
5 nications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 341(a)) is amended—

6 (1) in paragraph (1)(A), by striking “in the
7 county on January 1, 2004; or” and inserting the
8 following: “in the county—

9 “(i) on January 1, 2004, in the case of a
10 county described in paragraph (3)(A); or

11 “(ii) on January 1, 2014, in the case of a
12 county described in paragraph (3)(B); or”; and

13 (2) in paragraph (3)—

14 (A) by redesignating subparagraphs (A)
15 through (C) as clauses (i) through (iii), respec-
16 tively, and adjusting the margins accordingly;

17 (B) in the matter preceding clause (i), as
18 redesignated, by striking “means any 1 of 4
19 counties that—” and inserting the following:

20 “means—

21 “(A) any 1 of 4 counties that—”; and

22 (C) by striking the period at the end and
23 inserting the following: “; or

24 “(B) any 1 of 2 counties that—

25 “(i) are all in a single State;

1 “(ii) on January 1, 2014, were each in
2 designated market areas in which the majority
3 of counties were located in another State; and

4 “(iii) as a group had a combined total of
5 27,540 television households according to the
6 U.S. Television Household Estimates by Nielsen
7 Media Research for 2013–2014.”.

8 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section
9 122(a)(4)(C) of title 17, United States Code, is amend-
10 ed—

11 (1) by redesignating clauses (i) and (ii) as sub-
12 clauses (I) and (II), respectively, and adjusting the
13 margins accordingly;

14 (2) in the matter preceding clause (I), as redesi-
15 gnated, by striking “In the case of” and all that fol-
16 lows and inserting the following: “In the case of—

17 “(i) that State in which are located 4
18 counties that—”;

19 (3) in subclause (II), as redesignated, by adding
20 “or” at the end;

21 (4) by inserting after subclause (II), as redesi-
22 gnated, the following:

23 “(ii) that State in which are located 2
24 counties that—

1 “(I) on January 1, 2014, were in
2 local markets principally comprised of
3 counties in another State, and

4 “(II) had a combined total of
5 27,540 television households, accord-
6 ing to the U.S. Television Household
7 Estimates by Nielsen Media Research
8 for 2013–2014,”; and

9 (5) by inserting before the period at the end the
10 following: “, in the case of the State described in
11 clause (i), or on January 1, 2014, in the case of the
12 State described in clause (ii)”.

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