

**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 1988¹**

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OLDER AMERICANS PROGRAM

SEC. 6. [47 U.S.C. 154 note] (a) During fiscal years 1992 and 1993, the Federal Communications Commission is authorized to make grants to, or enter into cooperative agreements with, private nonprofit organizations designated by the Secretary of Labor under title V of the Older Americans Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3056 et seq) to utilize the talents of older Americans in programs authorized by other provisions of law administered by the Commission (and consistent with such provisions of law) in providing technical and administrative assistance for projects related to the implementation, promotion, or enforcement of the regulations of the Commission.

(b) Prior to awarding any grant or entering into any agreement under subsection (a), the Office of the Managing Director of the Commission shall certify to the Commission that such grant or agreement will not—

(1) result in the displacement of individuals currently employed by the Commission;

(2) result in the employment of any individual when any other individual is on layoff status from the same or a substantially equivalent job within the jurisdiction of the Commission; or

(3) affect existing contracts for services.

(c) Participants in any program under a grant or cooperative agreement pursuant to this section shall—

(1) execute a signed statement with the Commission in which such participants certify that they will adhere to the standards of conduct prescribed for regular employees of the Commission, as set forth in part 19 of title 47, Code of Federal Regulations; and

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(2) execute a confidential statement of employment and financial interest (Federal Communications Commission Form A-54) prior to commencement of work under the program. Failure to comply with the terms of the signed statement described in paragraph (1) shall result in termination of the individual under the grant or agreement.

(d) Nothing in this section shall be construed to permit employment of any such participant in any decisionmaking or policymaking position.

(e) Grants or agreements under this section shall be subject to prior appropriation Acts.

CONGRESSIONAL COMMUNICATIONS

SEC. 7. (a) The prohibition in section 1.1203(a) of title 47, Code of Federal Regulations, shall not apply to any of the types of presentations listed in section 1.1204(b) of such title nor to any presentation made by a member or officer of Congress, or a staff person of any such member or officer, acting in his or her official capacity, in—

(1) any non-restricted proceeding under section 1.1206(b) of such title;

(2) any exempt proceeding under section 1.1204(a)(2) of such title not involving the allotment of a channel in the radio broadcast or television broadcast services; or

(3) any exempt proceeding under section 1.1204 (a)(4) through (a)(6) of such title.

(b) Each reference in subsection (a) of this section to a provision of title 47, Code of Federal Regulations, applies to such provision as in effect on the date of enactment of this Act. No subsequent amendment of the rules or regulations in such title shall have the effect of prohibiting any presentation of the kind that would be permitted under subsection (a) of this section on the date of enactment of this Act.

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HAWAII MONITORING STATION

SEC. 9. [47 U.S.C. 154 note] (a) The Federal Communications Commission is authorized to expend such funds as may be required in fiscal years 1991, 1992, 1993, and 1994, out of its appropriations for such fiscal years, to relocate within the State of Hawaii the Hawaii Monitoring Station presently located in Honolulu (Waipahu), including all necessary expenses for—

- (1) acquisition of real property;
- (2) options to purchase real property;
- (3) architectural and engineering services;
- (4) construction of a facility at the new location;
- (5) transportation of equipment and personnel;
- (6) lease-back or real property and related personal property at the present location of the Monitoring Station pending acquisition of real property and construction of a facility at a new location; and

(7) the re-establishment, if warranted by the circumstances, of a downtown office to serve the residents of Honolulu.

(b) The Federal Communications Commission shall declare as surplus property, for disposition by the General Services Administration, the real property (including the structures and fixtures) and related personal property which are at the present location of the Hawaii Monitoring Station and which will not be relocated. Notwithstanding sections 203 and 204 of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 (40 U.S.C. 484 and 485), the General Services Administration shall sell such real and related personal property on an expedited basis, including provisions for leaseback as required, and shall reimburse the Commission from the net proceeds of the sale for all of the expenditures of the Commission associated with such relocation of the Monitoring Station. Any such reimbursed funds received by the Commission shall remain available until expended.

(c) The net proceeds of the sale of such real and related property, less any funds reimbursed to the Federal Communications Commission pursuant to subsection (b), and less normal and reasonable charges by the General Services Administration for costs associated with such sale, shall be deposited in the general funds of the Treasury.

(d) The Hawaii Monitoring Station shall continue its full operations at its present location until a new facility has been built and is fully operational at a new location.

(e) The Federal Communications Commission and the General Services Administration shall not take any action under this section committing any funds disposing of any property in connection with the relocation of the Hawaii Monitoring Station until—

(1) The Chairman of the Commission and the Administrator of General Services have jointly prepared and submitted, to the Committee on Appropriations, the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, and the Committee on Governmental Affairs of the Senate, and the Committee on Appropriations, the Committee on Energy and Commerce and the Committee on Government Operations of the House of Representatives, a letter or other document setting forth in detail the plan and procedures for such relocation which will reasonably carry out, in an expeditious manner, the provisions of this section but will not disrupt or defer any programs or regulatory activities of the Commission or adversely affect any employee of the Commission (other than those at the Monitoring Station who may be required to transfer to another location) through the use of appropriations for the Commission, in fiscal years 1989 and 1990; and

(2) at least 30 calendar days have passed since the receipt of such document by such committees.

SENSE OF CONGRESS

SEC. 10. (a) The Congress finds that—

(1) more than four hundred and thirty-five thousand four hundred radio amateurs in the United States are licensed by

the Federal Communications Commission upon examination in radio regulations, technical principles, and the international Morse code;

(2) by international treaty and the Federal Communications Commission regulation, the amateur is authorized to operate his or her station in a radio service of intercommunications and technical investigations solely with a personal aim and without pecuniary interest;

(3) among the basic purposes for the Amateur Radio Service is the provision of voluntary, noncommercial radio service, particularly emergency communications; and

(4) volunteer amateur radio emergency communications services have consistently and reliably been provided before, during, and after floods, tornadoes, forest fires, earthquakes, blizzards, train wrecks, chemical spills, and other disasters.

(b) It is the sense of the Congress that—

(1) it strongly encourages and supports the Amateur Radio Service and its emergency communications efforts; and

(2) Government agencies shall take into account the valuable contributions made by amateur radio operators when considering actions affecting the Amateur Radio Service.