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H. R. 1013

To amend the Communications Act of 1934 to facilitate utilization of
volunteer resources on behalf of the amateur radio service.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 11, 1997

Ms. ESHOO (for herself, Mr. GILLMOR, Mr. KLUG, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mr. DICKS, Mr. HORN, Mr. EHLERS, Mr. BEREUTER, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, Mr. MCCRERY, Mr. KLINK, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, Mr. MANTON, Mr. BOUCHER, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. STUPAK, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Mr. McNULTY, Ms. RIVERS, Mr. DINGELL, Mr. DELLUMS, and Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce

A BILL

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utilization of volunteer resources on behalf of the amateur radio service.

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 “Amateur Radio Volun-
5 teer Services Act of 1997”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.**

2 (a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds and declares as
3 follows:

4 (1) Since 1982, following the enactment of
5 Public Law 97–259, the Federal Communications
6 Commission has been authorized to utilize volunteer
7 assistance of licensees in the amateur radio service
8 for—

9 (A) the preparation and administration of
10 amateur radio license examinations; and

11 (B) on-air monitoring for violations in the
12 amateur radio service.

13 (2) These volunteer services provided by indi-
14 vidual amateur radio licensees have greatly enhanced
15 the self-regulatory character of the Service, and have
16 saved the Commission countless hours of staff time
17 and other resources.

18 (3) The perception that volunteers put personal
19 assets at risk in the event of actions against them
20 as the result of their voluntary services may result
21 in nonparticipation of volunteers or withdrawal from
22 volunteer service.

23 (b) PURPOSE.—It is the purpose of this Act to pro-
24 tect the provision of volunteer services to the Federal

1 Communications Commission as provided for in the Com-
2 munications Act of 1934, in the administration of the
3 amateur radio service.

4 **SEC. 3. FACILITATION OF VOLUNTEER SERVICES TO THE**
5 **FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN**
6 **PROGRAMS BENEFITING THE AMATEUR**
7 **RADIO SERVICE.**

8 Section 4(f)(4)(F) of the Communications Act of
9 1934 (47 U.S.C. 154(f)(4)(F)) is amended by inserting
10 before the period at the end thereof the following: “, ex-
11 cept that individual licensees in the amateur radio service
12 who provide volunteer services pursuant to subparagraph
13 (A), (B), or (C) of this paragraph, or pursuant to sub-
14 section (g)(3)(B), shall be deemed to be Federal employees
15 only for the purposes of chapter 171 of title 28, United
16 States Code.”.

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