

105TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 369

To require the Federal Communications Commission to prescribe rules to protect public safety by preventing broadcasts that create hazards for motorists.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 7, 1997

Mr. VENTO introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce

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## 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. FINDINGS.**

4 The Congress finds that—

5 (1) the Federal Government has an obligation  
6 to protect the health and safety of United States  
7 citizens;

8 (2) motor vehicle operators, when distracted,  
9 can pose a safety risk to others on the roads; and

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1           (3) radio broadcasts that employ sound effects  
2       identical or substantially similar to customary public  
3       safety or traffic sounds, such as horns, sirens, or  
4       train whistles, can be distracting and hazardous to  
5       motor vehicle operators.

6 **SEC. 2. RULES REQUIRED.**

7       The Federal Communications Commission shall es-  
8       tablish rules barring the use of horns, sirens, or other cus-  
9       tomary public safety or traffic sounds from audio broad-  
10      casts as necessary to prevent such sounds effects from ad-  
11      versely affecting the public safety of motor vehicle opera-  
12      tors, passengers, or pedestrians.

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