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To ensure that digital data services are made widely available to the American people.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Digital Data Services
5 Act of 1998”.

6 **SEC. 2. DIGITAL DATA SERVICES.**

7 Section 336 of the Communications Act of 1934 (47
8 U.S.C. 336) is amended—

9 (1) by redesignating subsection (g) as sub-
10 section (h); and

1 (2) by inserting after subsection (f) the follow-
2 ing new subsection:

3 “(g) LOW-POWER TELEVISION.—

4 “(1) AUTHORIZED USES.—Notwithstanding any
5 other provision of law, any low-power television sta-
6 tion licensed by the Commission may, at its option,
7 utilize its authorized spectrum to provide any digital
8 data services to those members of the public who
9 choose to subscribe to or otherwise purchase such
10 services. Such services may include (but are not lim-
11 ited to) digitally based interactive broadcast service;
12 and wireless Internet access, whether one or two
13 way, portable or fixed, or connected to the Internet
14 via the interactive video and data services (IVDS)
15 band or otherwise.

16 “(2) NOTICE OF USE.—A lower-power television
17 station may provide the service authorized by this
18 section upon filing notice with the Commission, ex-
19 cept that the Commission may develop a form for
20 the provision of such notice and, upon promulgation
21 of such form, subsequent notices shall be provided
22 via such form.”.

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