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# S. 641

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 24, 1997

Mr. MCCAIN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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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. CROSS-OWNERSHIP OF BROADCASTING AND**  
4       **NEWSPAPERS.**

5       (a) **RULE CHANGES REQUIRED.**—The Federal Com-  
6       munications Commission shall modify section 73.3555 of  
7       its regulations (47 C.F.R. 73.3555) by eliminating any  
8       provisions limiting the granting or renewal of an AM, FM,  
9       or TV broadcast station license to any party (including

1 parties under common control) on the basis of the owner-  
2 ship, operation, or control by such party of a daily news-  
3 paper.

4 (b) DEADLINE FOR ACTION.—The Federal Commu-  
5 nications Commission shall complete all action necessary  
6 to complete the modifications required by subsection (a)  
7 within 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act.

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