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H. R. 1273

To require the Federal Communications Commission to repeal unconstitutional reporting and recordkeeping requirements, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. OXLEY (for himself and Mr. HALL of Texas) 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 “Communications Per-
5 sonnel Paperwork Reduction Act of 1999”.

6 **SEC. 2. REPEAL OF UNCONSTITUTIONAL REPORTING AND**
7 **RECORDKEEPING REQUIREMENTS.**

8 (a) REVISION OF REGULATIONS REQUIRED.—

9 (1) REPEALS REQUIRED.—Within 30 days after
10 the date of enactment of this Act, the Commission

1 shall repeal the following provisions of its regula-
2 tions:

3 (A) section 21.307 (47 C.F.R. 21.307),
4 other than paragraph (a) thereof;

5 (B) section 22.321 (47 C.F.R. 22.321),
6 other than the first undesignated paragraph
7 thereof;

8 (C) section 23.55 (47 C.F.R. 23.55), other
9 than paragraph (a) thereof;

10 (D) section 73.2080 (47 C.F.R. 73.2080),
11 other than paragraph (a) thereof;

12 (E) subpart E of part 76 (47 C.F.R. 76.71
13 et seq.), other than section 76.73(a);

14 (F) section 90.168 (47 C.F.R. 90.168),
15 other than the first undesignated paragraph
16 thereof; and

17 (G) section 100.51 (47 C.F.R. 100.51),
18 other than paragraph (a) thereof.

19 (2) AMENDMENT REQUIRED.—Within 30 days
20 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Commis-
21 sion shall amend section 73.3615 of its regulations
22 (47 C.F.R. 73.3615) to eliminate any requirement
23 for the disclosure of race, ethnicity, or gender in the
24 ownership reports required by such section.

25 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

1 (1) Section 334 of the Communications Act of
2 1934 (47 U.S.C. 334) is repealed.

3 (2) Paragraph (11) of section 396(k) of such
4 Act (47 U.S.C. 396(k)(11)) is repealed.

5 (3) Section 398(b) of such Act (47 U.S.C.
6 398(b)) is amended to read as follows:

7 “(b) Equal opportunity in employment shall be af-
8 forded to all persons by the Public Broadcasting Service
9 and National Public Radio (or any successor organization)
10 and by all public telecommunications entities receiving
11 funds pursuant to subpart C, and no person shall be sub-
12 jected to discrimination in employment by any recipient
13 on the grounds of race, color, religion, national origin, or
14 sex.”.

15 (4) Section 634 of such Act (47 U.S.C. 554) is
16 amended by striking subsections (c) through (i).

17 **SEC. 3. EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION BY COMMISSION**
18 **PROHIBITED.**

19 Section 4 of the Communications Act of 1934 (47
20 U.S.C. 154) is further amended by adding at the end the
21 following new subsection:

22 “(q) The Commission shall not discriminate in em-
23 ployment, or grant any preference in employment, on the
24 basis of race, color, religion, national origin, age, or sex.”.

1 **SEC. 4. SAVINGS PROVISION.**

2 Nothing in this Act or the amendments made by this
3 Act shall be construed to amend, limit, or otherwise affect
4 the provisions of any law relating to employment discrimi-
5 nation, other than the provisions of the Communications
6 Act of 1934 amended by this Act.

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