

107TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 817

To ensure the availability of spectrum to amateur radio operators.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 1, 2001

Mr. BILIRAKIS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Energy and Commerce

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# A BILL

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operators.

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 Spec-  
5   trum Protection Act of 2001”.

6   **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7       The Congress finds the following:

8           (1) More than 650,000 radio amateurs in the  
9       United States are licensed by the Federal Commu-  
10      nications Commission.

5 (3) Emergency communications services by vol-  
6 unteer amateur radio operators have consistently  
7 and reliably been provided before, during, and after  
8 floods, hurricanes, tornadoes, forest fires, earth-  
9 quakes, blizzards, train accidents, chemical spills,  
10 and other disasters.

14 SEC. 3. FEDERAL POLICY REGARDING REALLOCATION OF  
15 AMATEUR RADIO SPECTRUM.

16 Section 303 of the Communications Act of 1934 is  
17 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-  
18 section:

19        "(z) Notwithstanding subsection (c), after July 1,  
20 2001—

21               “(1) make no reallocation of primary allocations  
22        of bands of frequencies of the amateur radio and  
23        amateur satellite services;

1           “(2) not diminish the secondary allocations of  
2       bands of frequencies to the amateur radio or ama-  
3       teur satellite service; and  
4           “(3) make no additional allocations within such  
5       bands of frequencies that would substantially reduce  
6       the utility thereof to the amateur radio or amateur  
7       satellite service;  
8   unless the Commission, at the same time, provides equiva-  
9   lent replacement spectrum to amateur radio and amateur  
10   satellite service.”.

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