



Public Law 90-379  
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**An Act**

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To amend the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, to give the Federal Communications Commission authority to prescribe regulations for the manufacture, import, sale, shipment, or use of devices which cause harmful interference to radio reception.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, is further amended by adding thereto a new section 302 to read as follows:

Communications  
 Act of 1934,  
 amendment.  
 48 Stat. 1064.  
 47 USC 609  
 and note.

“DEVICES WHICH INTERFERE WITH RADIO RECEPTION

“SEC. 302. (a) The Commission may, consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity, make reasonable regulations governing the interference potential of devices which in their operation are capable of emitting radio frequency energy by radiation, conduction, or other means in sufficient degree to cause harmful interference to radio communications. Such regulations shall be applicable to the manufacture, import, sale, offer for sale, shipment, or use of such devices.

“(b) No person shall manufacture, import, sell, offer for sale, ship, or use devices which fail to comply with regulations promulgated pursuant to this section.

“(c) The provisions of this section shall not be applicable to carriers transporting such devices without trading in them, to devices manufactured solely for export, to the manufacture, assembly, or installation of devices for its own use by a public utility engaged in providing electric service, or to devices for use by the Government of the United States or any agency thereof. Devices for use by the Government of the United States or any agency thereof shall be developed, procured, or otherwise acquired, including offshore procurement, under United States Government criteria, standards, or specifications designed to achieve the common objective of reducing interference to radio reception, taking into account the unique needs of national defense and security.”

Exceptions.

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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

- HOUSE REPORT No. 1108 (Comm. on Interstate & Foreign Commerce).  
 SENATE REPORT No. 1276 (Comm. on Commerce).  
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