

93^D CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1090

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 8, 1973

Referred to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce

AN ACT

To amend the Communications Act of 1934, to extend certain authorizations for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and for certain construction grants for noncommercial educational television and radio broadcasting facilities, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 That (a) section 396(k) (1) of the Communications Act
4 of 1934 is amended to read as follows:

5 “(k) (1) There is authorized to be appropriated for
6 expenses of the Corporation \$55,000,000 for the fiscal year
7 ending June 30, 1974, and \$65,000,000 for the fiscal year
8 ending June 30, 1975.”

1 (b) Section 396 (k) (2) of such Act is amended by
2 striking out "1973" and inserting in lieu thereof "1975".

3 (c) Section 391 of such Act is amended to read as
4 follows:

5 "AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS

6 "SEC. 391. There are authorized to be appropriated for
7 the fiscal year ending June 30, 1974, and each of the three
8 succeeding fiscal years such sums, not to exceed \$25,000,000
9 in any such year as may be necessary to carry out the pur-
10 poses of section 390. Sums appropriated under this section
11 for any fiscal year shall remain available for payment of
12 grants for projects for which applications, approved under
13 section 392, have been submitted under such section prior to
14 the end of the succeeding fiscal year."

15 SEC. 2. Section 399 of the Communications Act of 1934
16 is amended by inserting "(a)" after "SEC. 399." and by
17 inserting at the end thereof the following new subsection:

18 "(b) (1) In order to assure compliance with this section
19 and with other provisions of this Act requiring fair treat-
20 ment of matters in the public interest, every licensee of a
21 broadcast station which receives assistance under this title
22 shall make audio recordings of each broadcast of a program
23 in which issues of public importance are discussed, and shall
24 maintain such recordings for a period of sixty days from the
25 time such program is broadcast. Copies of these recordings

1 shall be made available to the Commission upon its request,
2 and to any member of the public upon payment of the reason-
3 able costs associated with the making of such copies: *Pro-*
4 *vided*, That the foregoing requirement may be satisfied by
5 retention of the audio tape by the Corporation for Public
6 Broadcasting or any authorized entity.

7 “(2) The Commission shall by rule prescribe the man-
8 ner in which such recordings shall be kept, and the conditions
9 under which they shall be available to the members of the
10 public, giving due regard to the goals of eliminating un-
11 necessary expense and effort and minimizing administrative
12 burdens.”

Passed the Senate May 7, 1973.

Attest:

FRANCIS R. VALEO,

Secretary.

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