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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FLORES (for himself and Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and 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 “Radio Consumer Pro-
5 tection Act of 2017”.

1 **SEC. 2. RADIO CONSUMER PROTECTION FUND.**

2 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in the
3 Treasury of the United States a fund to be known as the
4 “Radio Consumer Protection Fund”.

5 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
6 are authorized to be appropriated to the Radio Consumer
7 Protection Fund such sums as may be necessary to carry
8 out the purposes of the Radio Consumer Protection Fund.

9 (c) PURPOSES; AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Amounts
10 in the Radio Consumer Protection Fund shall be available
11 to the Commission to make any payments to a broadcast
12 radio station for costs that the station incurred resulting
13 from the reorganization of broadcast television spectrum
14 authorized under section 6403(b) of the Middle Class Tax
15 Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 (47 U.S.C. 1452(b)).

16 (d) LIMITATION.—Amounts made available to the
17 Commission under subsection (c) shall be available until
18 the end of fiscal year 2022.

19 (e) UNUSED FUNDS RETURNED TO THE GENERAL
20 FUND OF THE TREASURY.—If any amounts remain in the
21 Radio Consumer Protection Fund after the end of fiscal
22 year 2022, the Secretary shall transfer such amounts to
23 the general fund of the Treasury.

24 **SEC. 3. EXPEDITED CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS.**

25 The Commission shall expedite consideration and ap-
26 proval of applications from licensees of broadcast radio

1 stations seeking to obtain special temporary authority to
2 continue broadcasting during the reorganization of broad-
3 cast television spectrum authorized under section 6403(b)
4 of the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of
5 2012 (47 U.S.C. 1452(b)).

6 **SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

8 (1) **BROADCAST RADIO STATION.**—The term
9 “broadcast radio station” means any entity that is
10 licensed by the Commission as an AM, FM, non-
11 commercial educational FM, or FM Translator radio
12 broadcast station under the Communications Act of
13 1934 (47 U.S.C. 151 et seq.).

14 (2) **COMMISSION.**—The term “Commission”
15 means the Federal Communications Commission.

16 (3) **SECRETARY.**—The term “Secretary” means
17 the Secretary of the Treasury.

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