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H. R. 927

To amend the Communications Act of 1934 to expand satellite carriage of local television signals, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. STUPAK (for himself and Mr. BERRY) 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 “Satellite Consumers’
5 Right to Local Channels Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. SATELLITE CARRIAGE OF ALL LOCAL TELEVISION**
7 **SIGNALS IN ALL LOCAL MARKETS REQUIRED.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—

9 (1) NATIONAL LOCAL-TO-LOCAL.—Section
10 338(a)(1) of the Communications Act of 1934 (47

1 U.S.C. 338(a)(1)) is amended by striking “within
2 that local market” and inserting “within any local
3 market”.

4 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section
5 338(a) of such Act (47 U.S.C. 338(a)) is amended
6 by striking “(3) EFFECTIVE DATE.—” and all that
7 follows through “2002.”.

8 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
9 subsection (a) shall be effective on the date that is 1 year
10 after the date of enactment of this Act.

11 (c) REPORT REQUIRED.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 6 months
13 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Federal
14 Communications Commission shall submit to the
15 Committee on Energy & Commerce of the House of
16 Representatives and the Committee on Commerce,
17 Science, and Transportation of the Senate a report
18 describing the progress of satellite carriers in imple-
19 menting the requirements of the amendment made
20 by subsection (a)(1).

21 (2) REPORT REQUIREMENT DURATION.—The
22 report required under paragraph (1) shall be sub-
23 mitted every 6 months until the Federal Commu-
24 nications Commission has determined that all sat-

- 1 elite carriers comply with the provisions made by
- 2 the amendments in subsection (a).

