

Public Law 93-505

AN ACT

November 30, 1974
[S. 2457]

To amend the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, to permit the Federal Communications Commission to grant radio station licenses in the safety and special and experimental radio services directly to aliens, representatives of aliens, foreign corporations, or domestic corporations with alien officers, directors, or stockholders; and to permit aliens holding such radio station licenses to be licensed as operators.

Amateur radio
operators, aliens,
Operation in
U.S.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That subsection (1) of section 303 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (47 U.S.C. 303(1)), is amended by deleting paragraphs (2) and (3) and inserting the following:

“(2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1) of this subsection, an individual to whom a radio station is licensed under the provisions of this Act may be issued an operator’s license to operate that station.

47 USC 301.

“(3) In addition to amateur operator licenses which the Commission may issue to aliens pursuant to paragraph (2) of this subsection, and notwithstanding section 301 of this Act and paragraph (1) of this subsection, the Commission may issue authorizations, under such conditions and terms as it may prescribe, to permit an alien licensed by his government as an amateur radio operator to operate his amateur radio station licensed by his government in the United States, its possessions, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico provided there is in effect a bilateral agreement between the United States and the alien’s government for such operation on a reciprocal basis by United States amateur radio operators. Other provisions of this Act and of the Administrative Procedure Act shall not be applicable to any request or application for or modification, suspension, or cancellation of any such authorization.”

Bilateral agree-
ment.

5 USC note
prec. 551.

SEC. 2. Section 310 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (47 U.S.C. 310), is amended by deleting subsection (a), redesignating subsection (b) as subsection (d) and inserting the following new subsections (a), (b), and (c):

License restric-
tions.

“(a) The station license required under this Act shall not be granted to or held by any foreign government or the representative thereof.

“(b) No broadcast or common carrier or aeronautical en route or aeronautical fixed radio station license shall be granted to or held by—

“(1) any alien or the representative of any alien;

“(2) any corporation organized under the laws of any foreign government;

“(3) any corporation of which any officer or director is an alien or of which more than one-fifth of the capital stock is owned of record or voted by aliens or their representatives or by a foreign government or representative thereof or by any corporation organized under the laws of a foreign country;

“(4) any corporation directly or indirectly controlled by any other corporation of which any officer or more than one-fourth of the directors are aliens, or of which more than one-fourth of the capital stock is owned of record or voted by aliens, their representatives, or by a foreign government or representative thereof, or by any corporation organized under the laws of a foreign country, if the Commission finds that the public interest will be served by the refusal or revocation of such license.

“(c) In addition to amateur station licenses which the Commission may issue to aliens pursuant to this Act, the Commission may issue authorizations, under such conditions and terms as it may prescribe, to permit an alien licensed by his government as an amateur radio operator to operate his amateur radio station licensed by his government in the United States, its possessions, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico provided there is in effect a bilateral agreement between the United States and the alien’s government for such operation on a reciprocal basis by United States amateur radio operators. Other provisions of this Act and of the Administrative Procedure Act shall not be applicable to any request or application for or modification, suspension, or cancellation of any such authorization.”

Bilateral agreement.

5 USC note prec. 551.

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Public Law 93-506

AN ACT

To amend subsection (b) of section 214 and subsection (c) (1) of section 222 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, in order to designate the Secretary of Defense (rather than the Secretaries of the Army and the Navy) as the person entitled to receive official notice of the filing of certain applications in the common carrier service and to provide notice to the Secretary of State where under section 214 applications involve service to foreign points.

November 30, 1974
[S. 1479]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That subsection (b) of section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (47 U.S.C. 214(b)), is amended by deleting from the first sentence thereof “the Secretary of the Army, the Secretary of the Navy,” and inserting in lieu thereof “the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of State (with respect to such applications involving service to foreign points),”.

Federal Communications Commission.
Certain common carrier applications, notice.

SEC. 2. That subsection (c) (1) of section 222 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, is amended by deleting from the first sentence thereof “the Secretary of the Army,” and “the Secretary of the Navy,” and inserting in lieu thereof “the Secretary of Defense,” immediately after “Secretary of State,” in such sentence.

47 USC 222.

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Public Law 93-507

AN ACT

To amend section 415 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, to provide for a two-year period of limitations in proceedings against carriers for the recovery of overcharges or damages not based on overcharges.

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[S. 1227]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That subsections (a), (b), and (c) of section 415 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (47 U.S.C. 415), are amended to read as follows:

Communications common carriers.
Proceedings by or against, limitation period, extension.

“(a) All actions at law by carriers for recovery of their lawful charges, or any part thereof, shall be begun, within two years from the time the cause of action accrues, and not after.

“(b) All complaints against carriers for the recovery of damages not based on overcharges shall be filed with the Commission within two years from the time the cause of action accrues, and not after, subject to subsection (d) of this section.