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1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

S. \_\_\_\_\_

To limit the indiscriminate redistribution of digital broadcast content over digital networks.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ (for himself and \_\_\_\_\_) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

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## A BILL

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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

### **SECTION 1. BROADCAST FLAG**

AUTHORITY.— 47 U.S.C. Section 303 is amended by adding a new subsection (z), as follows:

“(z) Have authority to adopt regulations governing digital television receivers to the extent necessary to implement redistribution control as signaled by the Redistribution Control Descriptor set forth in ATSC Standard A/65 adopted on April 2, 2002, with the sole goal of limiting the indiscriminate redistribution of digital television broadcast content over digital networks.

(i) RATIFICATION.— The Report and Order in the matter of Digital Broadcast Content Protection (18 FCCR 23,550 (2003)) which was adopted by the Commission on November 4, 2003, effective January 20, 2004, and the Order in the matter of Digital Output Protection Technology and Recording Method Certifications (19 FCCR 15,876 (2004)) which was adopted by the Commission on August 4, 2004, are ratified.

(ii) The Commission may reconsider, amend, repeal, supplement, and otherwise modify any regulations, including those identified in paragraph (i) of this section, in whole or in part only for the purposes set forth in this Section (z).”