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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Multichannel Video  
3 Competition and Consumer Protection Act of 1998”.

4 **SEC. 2. DIRECT-TO-HOME SATELLITE PIRACY PREVENTION.**

5 Section 705(d)(6) of the Communications Act of  
6 1934 (47 U.S.C. 605(d)(6)) is amended by inserting “or  
7 direct-to-home satellite services (as defined in section  
8 303(v))” after “satellite cable programming”.

9 **SEC. 3. TEMPORARY STAY OF SATELLITE ROYALTY FEE IN-**  
10 **CREASE.**

11 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the  
12 Copyright Office shall not before December 31, 1999, im-  
13 plement, enforce, collect, or award copyright royalty fees  
14 pursuant to the decision of the Librarian of Congress on  
15 October 28, 1997, which established a royalty fee of \$0.27  
16 per subscriber per month for the retransmission of distant  
17 broadcast signals by satellite carriers, and no obligation  
18 or liability for copyright royalty fees shall accrue before  
19 December 31, 1999, pursuant to that decision. This sec-  
20 tion shall not affect implementing, enforcing, collecting,  
21 or awarding copyright royalty fees pursuant to the royalty

1 fee structure affected by the decision, as it existed prior  
2 to October 28, 1997.

Passed the House of Representatives October 7,  
1998.

Attest:

*Clerk.*