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H. R. 3196

To amend the Communications Act of 1934 to prohibit the Federal Communications Commission from adopting certain rules or policies relating to multichannel video programming distributors, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 26, 2013

Mr. LATTA (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. REPEAL OF INTEGRATION BAN.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 629 of the Communica-
5 tions Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 549) is amended—

6 (1) in subsection (f), by striking “Nothing” and
7 inserting “Except as provided in subsection (g),
8 nothing”; and

1 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
2 section:

3 “(g) INTEGRATED DEVICES.—Nothing in this section
4 or any other provision of this Act authorizes the Commis-
5 sion to adopt any rule or policy that prohibits a multi-
6 channel video programming distributor from placing into
7 service navigation devices for sale, lease, or use that per-
8 form both conditional access and other functions in a sin-
9 gle integrated device. Any such rule or policy adopted by
10 the Commission prior to the date of enactment of this sub-
11 section shall cease to be effective on such date of enact-
12 ment, and the Commission shall remove any such rule or
13 policy from the rules of the Commission.”.

14 (b) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Except as provided
15 in subsection (g) of section 629 of the Communications
16 Act of 1934, as added by subsection (a), nothing in this
17 section or the amendments made by this section shall be
18 construed to affect the authority of the Federal Commu-
19 nications Commission under such section 629.

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