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Subject: Amateur Radio Parity Act & Missouri

Dear Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club,

As you are probably aware, there is a Bill before the US Congress (US House-HR1301 & US Senate S1685) called The Amateur Radio Parity Act which, if passed, will instruct the FCC to require homeowners' associations (HOAs) to abide by the same 3-part test of PRB-1 as are state and local governments with respect to antennas outside private residences in covenant restricted communities. The House version has over 120 bi-partisan co-sponsors. On Friday, this Bill was voted in the affirmative to move to full committee for consideration.

In the meantime, I have initiated a mirror Bill here in the Missouri State House of Representatives which, if passed, will achieve the same result in Missouri. While this may appear to be redundant, we believe that a state statute will give greatly strength at the local level and affirm the legislation on the Federal level. This Bill is HB1951. It was sponsored by Representative Bryan Spencer, District 63, and cosponsored by Representative Robert Cornejo. The Bill was heard in committee (the Civil & Criminal Proceedings Committee) on Wednesday, January 27, 2016. Rep. Cornejo is a member of this committee. In order for our Bill to move forward it must receive a majority YES vote in committee.

We need your support. While some of your members may not be directly affected by prohibitive HOA covenant restrictions, it is critical that we stand united on this issue with all our ham colleagues throughout the State of Missouri. We ask that your members and any amateurs you may have contact with join us in contacting each of the committee members (except the Chairman, Rep. JoeDon McGaugh) by both email and phone to demonstrate support for this Bill and ask for their YES vote so the Bill can move forward in the process. The next committee that it goes to is the Judiciary Committee which is chaired by Rep. Robert Cornejo, our co-sponsor.

I have attached several PDF documents to this email for your distribution. One is a copy of the Bill itself. One is a sample letter, should any of your members wish to mail their show of support. The final document is a list of the committee members with their respective email and phone numbers for ease of contacting. I can tell you that I have personally called each of the committee members twice and it only took 10-15 minutes to make contact with all of them.

Gary Pearce, KN4AQ, with HamRadio NOW conducted an interview with me concerning this Bill, its beginnings and what we hope to achieve. I've included a link below to that video interview. I hope all of you will take the time to watch this as it will answer many of your questions about this legislation and why you should join us in this effort. http://arvideonews.com/hrn/HRN_Episode_0241.html

Also, I have created a Facebook Page called Show-Me Hams to provide a place where all Missouri amateurs can meet to share ideas, talk radio, spot DX, promote ham radio, make new friends, ask questions and support each other. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/221398201542364>

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to email or call me. I am happy to answer them. Let's show the country that we Missouri amateurs support each other.

73,

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