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1ST SESSION

H. R. 369

To require the Federal Communications Commission to prescribe rules to protect public safety by preventing broadcasts that create hazards for motorists.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 7, 1997

Mr. VENTO introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on 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. FINDINGS.**

4 The Congress finds that—

5 (1) the Federal Government has an obligation
6 to protect the health and safety of United States
7 citizens;

8 (2) motor vehicle operators, when distracted,
9 can pose a safety risk to others on the roads; and

1 (3) radio broadcasts that employ sound effects
2 identical or substantially similar to customary public
3 safety or traffic sounds, such as horns, sirens, or
4 train whistles, can be distracting and hazardous to
5 motor vehicle operators.

6 **SEC. 2. RULES REQUIRED.**

7 The Federal Communications Commission shall es-
8 tablish rules barring the use of horns, sirens, or other cus-
9 tomary public safety or traffic sounds from audio broad-
10 casts as necessary to prevent such sounds effects from ad-
11 versely affecting the public safety of motor vehicle opera-
12 tors, passengers, or pedestrians.

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