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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

AN ACT

To make a technical correction to section 3009 of the Deficit
Reduction Act of 2005.

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 “DTV Transition As-
3 sistance Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. DTV TRANSITION.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3008(a) of the Digital
6 Television Transition and Public Safety Act of 2005 is
7 amended—

8 (1) by inserting “(1) IN GENERAL.—” before
9 “The Assistant Secretary”; and

10 (2) by adding at the end thereof the following:

11 “(2) USE OF FUNDS.—As soon as practicable after
12 the date of enactment of the DTV Transition Assistance
13 Act, the Assistant Secretary shall make a determination,
14 which the Assistant Secretary may adjust from time to
15 time, with respect to whether the full amount provided
16 under paragraph (1) will be needed for payments under
17 that paragraph. If the Assistant Secretary determines that
18 the full amount will not be needed for payments author-
19 ized by paragraph (1), the Assistant Secretary may use
20 the remaining amount for consumer education and tech-
21 nical assistance regarding the digital television transition
22 and the availability of the digital-to-analog converter box
23 program (in addition to any amounts expended for such
24 purpose under 3005(c)(2)(A) of this title), including
25 partnering with, providing grants to, and contracting with
26 non-profit organizations or public interest groups in

1 achieving these efforts. If the Assistant Secretary initiates
2 such an education program, the Assistant Secretary shall
3 develop a plan to address the educational and technical
4 assistance needs of vulnerable populations, such as senior
5 citizens, individuals residing in rural and remote areas,
6 and minorities, including, where appropriate, education
7 plans focusing on the need for analog pass-through digital
8 converter boxes in areas served by low power or translator
9 stations, and shall consider the speed with which these ob-
10 jectives can be accomplished to the greatest public ben-
11 efit.”.

12 (b) FISCAL YEARS TO WHICH APPLICABLE.—Section
13 3009(a) of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 (Public Law
14 109–171) is amended—

15 (1) by striking “fiscal year 2009” and inserting
16 “fiscal years 2009 through 2012”; and

17 (2) by striking “no earlier than October 1,
18 2010” and inserting “on or after February 18,
19 2009”.

Passed the Senate June 19, 2008.

Attest:

NANCY ERICKSON,

Secretary.