

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Prepackaged News  
3 Story Announcement Act of 2005”.

4 **SEC. 2. PREPACKAGED NEWS STORY ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

5 Part I of title III of the Communications Act of 1934  
6 (47 U.S.C. 301 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end  
7 the following:

8 **“SEC. 342. ANNOUNCEMENT OF UNITED STATES GOVERN-**

9 **MENT SPONSORSHIP OF A PREPACKAGED**

10 **NEWS STORY.**

11 “(a) **DISCLAIMER REQUIRED.**—Any prepackaged  
12 news story produced by or on behalf of a Federal agency  
13 and intended for broadcast over the air or distribution by  
14 a multichannel video programming distributor within the  
15 United States shall contain a clear notification within the  
16 text or audio of the prepackaged news story that the pre-  
17 packaged news story was prepared or funded by the  
18 ‘United States Government’.

19 “(b) **REMOVAL OF DISCLAIMER.**—The Commission  
20 shall promulgate rules governing the circumstances under  
21 which broadcasters or multichannel video programming  
22 distributors may remove or modify the notification re-  
23 quired under subsection (a).

24 “(c) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

25 “(1) **PREPACKAGED NEWS STORY.**—The term  
26 ‘prepackaged news story’ means a complete, ready-

1 to-use audio or video news segment designed to be  
2 indistinguishable from a news segment produced by  
3 an independent news organization.

4 “(2) MULTICHANNEL VIDEO PROGRAMMING  
5 DISTRIBUTOR.—The term ‘multichannel video pro-  
6 gramming distributor’ has the meaning given that  
7 term by section 602(13).

8 “(d) INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES.—Nothing in this  
9 section shall be construed to apply to any lawful and au-  
10 thorized intelligence activity of the United States govern-  
11 ment.”.

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