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Regular Session, 1999

HOUSE BILL NO.

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BY REPRESENTATIVE STELLY

PLANNING/ZONING-LOCAL: Limits authority of local governing bodies to regulate amateur radio antennas

1	AN ACT
2	To enact R.S. 33:102.1, relative to the regulation of amateur radio antennas;
3	to provide that no parish or municipality may enact or enforce an
4	ordinance or regulation that is in conflict with the ruling of the Federal
5	Communications Commission or other regulations related to amateur
6	radio service adopted under federal law; and to provide for related
7	matters.
8	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
9	Section 1. R.S. 33:102.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:
10	§102.1. Regulation of amateur radio antennas
11	A. No parish or municipality may enact or enforce an ordinance
12	or regulation that is in conflict with the ruling of the Federal
13	Communications Commission in "Amateur Radio Preemption, 101
14	FCC 2nd 952 (1985)" or other federal regulations related to amateur
15	radio service, including 47 C.F.R. Part 97.
16	B. If a parish or municipality adopts an ordinance or regulation
17	involving the placement, screening, or height of an amateur radio

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1	antenna based on health, safety, or aesthetic conditions, the ordinance
2	or regulation must:
3	(1) Reasonably accommodate amateur communications; and
4	(2) Represent the minimal practicable regulation to accomplish
5	the parish's or municipality's legitimate purpose.

DIGEST

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Proposed law provides that no parish or municipality may enact or enforce an ordinance or regulation that is in conflict with the ruling of the Federal Communications Commission in "Arnateur Radio Preemption, 101 FCC 2nd 952 (1985)" or other federal regulations related to amateur radio service, including 47 C.F.R. Part 97.

<u>Proposed law</u> further provides that if a parish or municipality adopts an ordinance or regulation involving the placement, screening, or height of an amateur radio antenna based on health, safety, or aesthetic conditions, the ordinance or regulation must:

- (1) Reasonably accommodate amateur communications; and
- (2) Represent the minimal practicable regulation to accomplish the parish's or municipality's legitimate purpose.

(Adds R.S. 33:102.1)