111TH CONGRESS
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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER ——, 2009

Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself and Mrs. HUTCHISON) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. PUBLIC SAFETY INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICA-**
2 **TIONS GRANTS.**

3 (a) Notwithstanding section 3006(a)(2) of the Digital
4 Television Transition and Public Safety Act of 2005
5 (47U.S.C. 309 note), sums made available to administer
6 the Public Safety Interoperable Communications Grant
7 Program under section 309(j)(8)(E) of the Communica-
8 tions Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 309(j)(8)(E)) shall remain
9 available until expended, but not beyond September 30,
10 2012.

11 (b) The period for performance of any investment ap-
12 proved under the Program as of the date of enactment
13 of this Act shall be extended by one year, but not later
14 than September 30, 2011, except that the Assistant Sec-
15 retary of Commerce for Communications and Information
16 may extend, on a case-by-case basis, the period of per-
17 formance for any investment approved under the Program
18 as of that date for a period of not more than 2 years,
19 but not later than September 30, 2012. In making a deter-
20 mination as to whether an extension beyond September
21 30, 2011, is warranted, the Assistant Secretary should
22 consider the circumstances that gave rise to the need for
23 the extension, the likelihood of completion of performance
24 within the deadline for completion, and such other factors

1 as the Assistant Secretary deems necessary to make the
2 determination.

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