

Retiring Congressman Howard Coble Introduces Final Major Bill

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RALEIGH, (SGRToday.com) - With just six months left before he retires from three decades of congressional service to North Carolina's sixth district, Rep. Howard Coble has authored the Satellite Television Access Reauthorization Act of 2014 (H.R. 5036). Coble is chairman of the House Judiciary subcommittee that has jurisdiction over the nation's television industry.

The bill extends the expiring provisions of current law that governs satellite companies' ability to retransmit broadcast television signals.

Three statutory licenses enable copyrighted video content to be made available without permission. One will expire on December 31, 2014, unless renewed by Congress.

"This extension will implement no change to the existing licenses," Coble said in a statement. "I, along with my satellite viewing constituents, look forward to seeing its quick enactment, and I hope passage of the bill will be a fitting cap to my tenure as chairman of this important subcommittee."