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WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU ANNOUNCES IT WILL NO LONGER LIMIT REIMBURSEMENT FEE FOR AMATEUR OPERATOR EXAMINATIONS

Prior to February 8, 1996, Section 4 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (Act), 47 U.S.C. § 154(f), stated that individuals or organizations that provide or coordinate the preparation, processing, or administration of examinations for amateur station operator licenses could be reimbursed for such services in an amount not to exceed \$4, adjusted annually every January 1 for changes in the Department of Labor Consumer Price Index. On February 8, 1996, the provision in Section 4 of the Act regarding the limit on the amount of allowable cost reimbursement was stricken.¹ As a result, the amount of out-of-pocket costs that individuals or organizations providing authorized volunteer services in connection with amateur operator examinations may recover from examinees is no longer limited by Section 4 of the Act. Therefore, we will not issue a Public Notice specifying the maximum reimbursement fee for 2001 that may be charged an amateur station operator examinee for administering an examination.

Further, in view of the statutory change eliminating a reimbursement limit, we believe that it is appropriate to suspend, pending further Commission action, the enforcement of Section 97.527(b) of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 97.527(b), the rule which implemented the statutory limit previously contained in Section 4 of the Act. Accordingly, effective upon publication of this Public Notice in the *Federal Register*, we will suspend enforcement of 47 C.F.R. § 97.527(b).

By the Chief, Public Safety and Private Wireless Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau.

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¹ P. L. 104-104, § 403(a)(4), February 8, 1996.