

I do not support FCC RM-11708. The Technician Class license is the introductory license class, it's to introduce operators to radio procedure. Technicians historically have not upgraded despite years of opportunity to do so. Giving Techs HF voice privileges on 75, 40 and 15 meters will do nothing to grow the hobby, It's merely giving people something for nothing. Why reward Techs for doing absolutely nothing? What would be the incentive to upgrade should this go into effect, to legally use an amplifier? The General test is relatively easy, pre-teens pass it all the time. I had to take 5 tests (Novice, Tech, General, 5 and 13wpm morse code) to get on 75-40-15 HF phone with the General class license. With this proposal a non ham can pass the Tech class on Saturday, a few days later they can get on 75 meter phone? After taking a single 35 question multiple choice test? This proposal does nothing but reward lack of effort. I do not support FCC RM-11708.

