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RE: Comments on FCC RM-11760

I am writing to support the idea of the Amateur Radio Service being issued lifetime licenses, but with the following caveats:

1. That the FCC have an independent means, other than the good graces of the deceased operator's family, of ascertaining the death of the operator so that the license may then be canceled. This may come from Silent Key postings published in *QST* by the ARRL, the Social Security Death Index, or some other means.
2. That the FCC consider not issuing lifetime licenses to operators who are likely to drop out of active service. The FCC may consider:
 - a. Offering lifetime licensure to Novice or Technician operators who upgrade to General or Extra Class;
 - b. Offering lifetime licensure to existing Novice or Technician operators at their next renewal date;
 - c. Offering lifetime licensure to existing General, Advanced, and Extra Class operators;
 - d. Offering an initial 10-year licensure term to new Technician operators, which can be upgraded to a lifetime term at their first renewal.
3. That the FCC revert a lifetime license to an expiring term for any operator who incurs a Notice of Violation, Notice of Apparent Liability, Forfeiture Order, Consent Order, or suspension for rules violation.
 - a. This might be used by the FCC as a probationary period, and at the time of renewal, the operator may again be granted a lifetime license if there have not been any further enforcement actions against the operator.
4. That the resources conserved by the FCC from this proposal be then re-directed at better enforcement action against intransigent rules violators. A lifetime license should not be a license for bad behavior on the air.