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In the matter of 1998 bicentennial Regulatory Review -- Amendment of Part 97 of the Commission's Amateur Service Rules, FCC WT Docket 98-143.

Morse Code has been proven many times as being able to maintain communications when all other modes have failed. It should not be eliminated as a requirement for an Amateur Radio Operators License. An entry class with "No Code" Technician Class could replace the present Novice Class. Band allotment could remain the same as now. An exam of 5 WPM of Morse Code and an expanded written test reflecting a knowledge of technical expertise, especially in the field of component usage, schematic reading and operating procedures would upgrade the applicant to General class. The present structure is too easy, it is essentially a memory course.

To earn an Advanced Class License would require 10 WPM Morse Code an additional written exam. To earn an Extra Class License would only require another written test. Monitor Medical waivers more closely to try and prevent some of the past abuses.

Enforcement of Rules and Regulations should be quick and firm. Self regulation by Amateurs is fine for some but the majority of operators now are very rude when they are reminded of certain rules and asked to clean up their act.

A service that does not require effort to earn will be abused, case in point is the CB band that could have been a fine service but through lack of knowledge and enforcement ended up in chaos.

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