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H. R. 2261

To facilitate the continued development of the commercial remote sensing industry and protect national security.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 12, 2015

Mr. BRIDENSTINE (for himself, Mr. PERLMUTTER, Mr. SMITH of Texas, Mr. POSEY, and Mr. BABIN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Commercial Remote
5 Sensing Act of 2015”.

6 **SEC. 2. ANNUAL REPORTING.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter III of chapter 601 of
8 title 51, United States Code, is amended by adding at the
9 end the following:

1 **“§ 60126. Annual reporting**

2 “The Secretary shall provide a report to the Com-
3 mittee on Science, Space, and Technology of the House
4 of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce,
5 Science, and Transportation of the Senate not later than
6 180 days after the date of enactment of the Commercial
7 Remote Sensing Act of 2015 and annually thereafter on—

8 “(1) the Secretary’s implementation of section
9 60121, including—

10 “(A) a list of all applications received in
11 the previous calendar year;

12 “(B) a list of all applications approved;

13 “(C) a list of all applications denied;

14 “(D) a list of all applications that required
15 additional information; and

16 “(E) a list of all applications whose dis-
17 position exceeded the 120 day deadline estab-
18 lished in section 60121(c), the total days over-
19 due for applications that exceeded such dead-
20 line, and an explanation for the delay;

21 “(2) all notifications and information provided
22 to the Secretary pursuant to section 60122; and

23 “(3) all actions taken by the Secretary under
24 the administrative authority granted by section
25 60123(a)(4), (5), and (6).”.

1 **SEC. 3. STATUTORY UPDATE REPORT.**

2 Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment
3 of this Act, the Secretary, in consultation with other ap-
4 propriate Federal agencies and the National Oceanic and
5 Atmospheric Administration's Advisory Committee on
6 Commercial Remote Sensing, shall report to the Com-
7 mittee on Science, Space, and Technology of the House
8 of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce,
9 Science, and Transportation of the Senate on statutory
10 updates necessary to protect national security, protect the
11 United States industrial base, and reflect the current state
12 of the art of remote sensing systems, instruments, or tech-
13 nologies.

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