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H. R. 2458

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 27, 2025

Mr. PALLONE (for himself and Mr. GUTHRIE) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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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 “Secure Space Act of
5 2025”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON GRANT OF CERTAIN SATELLITE**
7 **LICENSES, UNITED STATES MARKET ACCESS,**
8 **OR EARTH STATION AUTHORIZATIONS.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secure and Trusted Commu-
10 nications Networks Act of 2019 (47 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.)
11 is amended—

12 (1) by redesignating sections 10 and 11 as sec-
13 tions 11 and 12, respectively; and

14 (2) by inserting after section 9 the following:

15 **“SEC. 10. PROHIBITION ON GRANT OF CERTAIN SATELLITE**
16 **LICENSES, UNITED STATES MARKET ACCESS,**
17 **OR EARTH STATION AUTHORIZATIONS.**

18 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Commission may not grant
19 a license for, or a petition for a declaratory ruling to ac-
20 cess the United States market using, a geostationary orbit
21 satellite system or a nongeostationary orbit satellite sys-
22 tem, or an authorization to use an individually licensed
23 earth station or a blanket-licensed earth station, if such
24 license, grant of market access, or authorization would be
25 held or controlled by—

1 “(1) an entity that produces or provides any
2 covered communications equipment or service; or

3 “(2) an affiliate (as defined in section 3 of the
4 Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 153)) of an
5 entity described in paragraph (1).

6 “(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

7 “(1) BLANKET-LICENSED EARTH STATION.—
8 The term ‘blanket-licensed earth station’ means an
9 earth station that is licensed with a geostationary
10 orbit satellite system or a nongeostationary orbit
11 satellite system.

12 “(2) GATEWAY STATION.—The term ‘gateway
13 station’ means an earth station or a group of earth
14 stations that—

15 “(A) supports the routing and switching
16 functions of a geostationary orbit satellite sys-
17 tem or a nongeostationary orbit satellite sys-
18 tem;

19 “(B) may also be used for telemetry, track-
20 ing, and command transmissions;

21 “(C) does not originate or terminate com-
22 munication traffic; and

23 “(D) is not for the exclusive use of any
24 customer.

1 “(3) INDIVIDUALLY LICENSED EARTH STA-
2 TION.—The term ‘individually licensed earth station’
3 means—

4 “(A) an earth station (other than a blan-
5 ket-licensed earth station) that sends a signal
6 to, and receives a signal from, a geostationary
7 orbit satellite system or a nongeostationary
8 orbit satellite system; or

9 “(B) a gateway station.”.

10 (b) APPLICABILITY.—Section 10 of the Secure and
11 Trusted Communications Networks Act of 2019, as added
12 by subsection (a), shall apply with respect to the grant
13 of a license, petition, or authorization on or after the date
14 of the enactment of this Act.

15 (c) RULES.—Not later than 1 year after the date of
16 the enactment of this Act, the Federal Communications
17 Commission shall issue rules to implement section 10 of
18 the Secure and Trusted Communications Networks Act of
19 2019, as added by subsection (a).

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