

119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 434

AN ACT

To establish the Commercial Space Activity Advisory
Committee, and for other purposes.

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

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Space Commerce Advi-
3 sory Committee Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

5 In this Act:

6 (1) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
7 the Secretary of Commerce, acting through the Of-
8 fice of Space Commerce.

9 (2) STATE.—The term “State” means each of
10 the several States of the United States, the District
11 of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the
12 United States Virgin Islands, Guam, American
13 Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana
14 Islands, and any other commonwealth, territory, or
15 possession of the United States.

16 (3) UNITED STATES ENTITY.—The term
17 “United States entity” means—

18 (A) an individual who is a national of the
19 United States (as defined in section 101(a) of
20 the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
21 1101(a))); and

22 (B) a nongovernmental entity organized or
23 existing under, and subject to, the laws of the
24 United States or a State.

1 **SEC. 3. COMMERCIAL SPACE ACTIVITY ADVISORY COM-**
2 **MITTEE.**

3 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 180 days after
4 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall
5 establish a Commercial Space Activity Advisory Com-
6 mittee (in this section referred to as the “Committee”).

7 (b) MEMBERSHIP.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Committee shall be
9 composed of 15 members appointed by the Sec-
10 retary.

11 (2) QUALIFICATIONS.—

12 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Committee shall be
13 composed of representatives from a variety of
14 space policy, engineering, technical, science,
15 legal, academic, and finance fields who have sig-
16 nificant experience in the commercial space in-
17 dustry, which may include previous Government
18 experience.

19 (B) LIMITATION.—

20 (i) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided
21 in clause (ii), the Secretary may not ap-
22 point as a member of the Committee any
23 employee or official of the Federal Govern-
24 ment.

25 (ii) EXCEPTION.—The Secretary may
26 appoint as a member of the Committee a

1 special government employee (as defined in
2 section 202(a) of title 18, United States
3 Code) who serves on 1 or more other Fed-
4 eral advisory committees.

5 (3) TERM.—Each individual appointed as a
6 member of the Committee—

7 (A) shall be appointed for a term of not
8 more than 4 years; and

9 (B) during the 2-year period beginning on
10 the date on which such term ends, may not
11 serve as a member of the Committee.

12 (c) DUTIES.—The duties of the Committee shall be—

13 (1) to advise on the status and recent develop-
14 ments of nongovernmental space activities;

15 (2) to provide to the Secretary and Congress
16 recommendations on the manner in which the
17 United States may facilitate and promote a safe,
18 sustainable, robust, competitive, and innovative com-
19 mercial sector that is investing in, developing, and
20 conducting space activities within the jurisdiction of
21 the Department of Commerce, including through the
22 development and implementation of any regulatory
23 framework applicable to the commercial space indus-
24 try;

(3) to identify, and provide recommendations in response to, any challenge faced by the United States commercial sector relating to—

(A) the application of international obligations of the United States relevant to commercial space sector activities in outer space;

(B) export controls that affect the commercial space sector;

(C) harmful interference with commercial space sector activities in outer space; and

(D) access to adequate, predictable, and reliable radio frequency spectrum;

(4) to review existing best practices for United States entities to avoid—

(A) the harmful contamination of the Moon and other celestial bodies; and

(B) adverse changes in the environment of the Earth resulting from the introduction of extraterrestrial matter; and

(5) to provide information, advice, and recommendations on matters relating to—

(A) United States commercial space sector activities in outer space; and

(B) other commercial space sector activities, as the Committee considers necessary.

- 1 (d) TERMINATION.—The Committee shall terminate
2 on the date that is 10 years after the date on which the
3 Committee is established.

Passed the Senate August 6, 2026.

Attest:

Secretary.

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