

116TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 4855

To amend the Communications Act of 1934 to provide for an auction of C-Band spectrum, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 24, 2019

Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE of Pennsylvania (for himself, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Ms. MATSUI, and Mr. GIANFORTE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## A BILL

To amend the Communications Act of 1934 to provide for an auction of C-Band spectrum, 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Clearing Broad Air-  
5 waves for New Deployment Act” or the “C-BAND Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. AUCTION OF C-BAND SPECTRUM.**

7 Title III of the Communications Act of 1934 (47  
8 U.S.C. 301 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the  
9 following:

1                   **“PART V—C-BAND SPECTRUM**

2   **“SEC. 399L. AUCTION OF C-BAND SPECTRUM.**

3           “Not later than September 30, 2022, the Commission  
4 shall—

5                   “(1) clear and reallocate no less than 200  
6 megahertz and no more than 300 megahertz of con-  
7 tiguous C-Band spectrum (reserving 20 megahertz  
8 as guard band)—

9                           “(A) for the provision of broadband inter-  
10 net access service; and

11                           “(B) in such a way that ensures that C-  
12 Band-dependent users—

13                                   “(i) receive equal or better service as  
14 before the implementation of this section;  
15 and

16                                   “(ii) receive such service continuously  
17 throughout the transition process; and

18                   “(2) through a system of competitive bidding  
19 under section 309(j), assign licenses for the use of  
20 the spectrum reallocated under paragraph (1), ex-  
21 cept for the spectrum reserved as guard band.

22   **“SEC. 399M. DEFINITIONS.**

23           “In this part:

24                   “(1) C-BAND-DEPENDENT USER.—The term  
25 ‘C-Band-dependent user’ means a person who—

1                   “(A) is a licensee or registrant of an earth  
2                   station receiving signals over C-Band spectrum;

3                   or

4                   “(B) receives or distributes programming  
5                   or services using C-Band spectrum.

6                   “(2) C-BAND SPECTRUM.—The term ‘C-Band  
7                   spectrum’ means electromagnetic spectrum between  
8                   the frequencies of 3700 megahertz and 4200 mega-  
9                   hertz, inclusive.

10                  “(3) CLEAR.—The term ‘clear’ means, with re-  
11                  spect to C-Band spectrum, to make such spectrum  
12                  available for reallocation and the assignment of li-  
13                  censes through a system of competitive bidding (or  
14                  reservation as guard band) under section 399L.”.

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