

116TH CONGRESS
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S. 3803

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 21, 2020

Mr. CRUZ introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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 “Blocking Evasive At-
5 tempts to Manipulate Signals Act of 2020” or the
6 “BEAMS Act of 2020”.

1 **SEC. 2. TRANSFER OF CERTAIN PERMITS.**

2 Section 325(d) of the Communications Act of 1934
3 (47 U.S.C. 325(d)) is amended—

4 (1) by inserting “(1)” after “(d)”;

5 (2) by inserting “, subject to paragraph (2),”
6 after “prescribe, and”; and

7 (3) by adding at the end the following:

8 “(2) The Commission may not grant such an applica-
9 tion for the transfer of a permit described in subsection
10 (c) that proposes a change in the primary language in
11 which programming by a radio station described in that
12 subsection will be broadcast, unless the Commission sepa-
13 rately certifies to the Committee on Commerce, Science,
14 and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on
15 Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives
16 that, in the judgment of the Commission, and in addition
17 to the requirements and prohibitions under section 310,
18 the programming of the radio station is not, and will not
19 become, subject to undue influence by a foreign govern-
20 ment or a political party in power in a foreign country.”.

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