

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2458

AN ACT

To amend the Secure and Trusted Communications Networks Act of 2019 to prohibit the Federal Communications Commission from granting a license or United States market access for a geostationary orbit satellite system or a nongeostationary orbit satellite system, or an authorization to use an individually licensed earth station or a blanket-licensed earth station, if the license, grant of market access, or authorization would be held or controlled by an entity that produces or provides any covered communications equipment or service or an affiliate of such an entity, 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 “Secure Space Act of
3 2025”.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

4 “(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

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

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

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

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

19 “(C) does not originate or terminate com-
20 munication traffic; and

21 “(D) is not for the exclusive use of any
22 customer.

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

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

6 “(B) a gateway station.”.

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

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

Passed the House of Representatives April 28, 2025.

Attest:

Clerk.

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