

119TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mrs. FISCHER (for herself and Mr. LUJÁN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

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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) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

19 “(1) AFFILIATE.—

20 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘affiliate’  
21 means an entity that (directly or indirectly)  
22 owns or controls, is owned or controlled by, or  
23 is under common ownership or control with, an-  
24 other entity.

1           “(B) OWN.—For purposes of this para-  
2           graph, the term ‘own’ means to have, possess,  
3           or otherwise control an equity interest (or the  
4           equivalent thereof) of not less than 10 percent.

5           “(2) 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           “(3) 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           “(4) 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) PROHIBITION.—The Commission may not grant  
8           a license for, or a petition for a declaratory ruling to ac-  
9           cess the United States market using, a geostationary orbit  
10          satellite system or a nongeostationary orbit satellite sys-  
11          tem, or an authorization to use an individually licensed  
12          earth station or a blanket-licensed earth station, if the li-  
13          cense, grant of market access, or authorization would be  
14          held or controlled by—

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

17                 “(2) an affiliate of an entity described in para-  
18                 graph (1).”.

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

24          (c) RULES.—Not later than 1 year after the date of  
25          enactment of this Act, the Federal Communications Com-

1 mission shall issue rules to implement section 10 of the  
2 Secure and Trusted Communications Networks Act of  
3 2019, as added by subsection (a).