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[Report No. 119-]

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 27, 2025

Mr. PALLONE (for himself and Mr. GUTHRIE) introduced the following bill;  
which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

APRIL --, 2025

Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union,  
and ordered to be printed

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

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

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

6           “(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

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

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

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

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

21           “(C) does not originate or terminate com-  
22 munication traffic; and

23           “(D) is not for the exclusive use of any  
24 customer.

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

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

9                   “(B) a gateway station.”.

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

15          (c) RULES.—Not later than 1 year after the date of  
16          the enactment of this Act, the Federal Communications  
17          Commission shall issue rules to implement section 10 of  
18          the Secure and Trusted Communications Networks Act of  
19          2019, as added by subsection (a).