

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION**H. R.** _____

To direct the Federal Communications Commission to submit to Congress reports containing plans for the auction of certain bands of spectrum frequencies.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

M. _____ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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 “Spectrum Pipeline Act
5 of 2015”.

1 **SEC. 2. PLANS FOR AUCTION OF CERTAIN BANDS OF SPEC-**
2 **TRUM FREQUENCIES.**

3 (a) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—For each band of spec-
4 trum frequencies specified in subsection (d), the Commis-
5 sion, in coordination with the Assistant Secretary, shall
6 submit to the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the
7 House of Representatives and the Committee on Com-
8 merce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate a report
9 containing a proposed plan for the assignment, through
10 a system of competitive bidding under section 309(j) of
11 the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 309(j)), of
12 new flexible-use licenses for the use of the frequencies in
13 such band, including—

14 [(1) draft framework for the service rules and
15 procedures that the Commission proposes for the
16 competitive bidding process;]

17 (2) a proposed plan for the relocation to other
18 frequencies of the operations of Federal entities that
19 operate Federal Government stations authorized to
20 use frequencies in such band or for such entities to
21 share frequencies in such band with non-Federal
22 users;

23 (3) a proposed timeline for the competitive bid-
24 ding process; and

25 (4) a proposed plan for balance between unli-
26 censed and licensed use.

1 (b) COORDINATION REGARDING FEDERAL ENTITY
2 PLANS.—In developing a plan under subsection (a)(3), the
3 Commission shall coordinate with the Assistant Secretary
4 and affected Federal entities.

5 (c) BANDS SPECIFIED.—The Commission shall sub-
6 mit a report under subsection (a) for a band of spectrum
7 frequencies as follows:

8 (1) For the frequencies between [_____]]
9 megahertz and [_____] megahertz, not later than
10 [_____]].

11 (2) For the frequencies between [_____]]
12 megahertz and [_____] megahertz, not later than
13 [_____]].

14 [(3) *Additional paragraphs may be added.*]

15 (d) SUBSTITUTION OF ALTERNATE BANDS.—If the
16 Commission, in coordination with the Assistant Secretary,
17 determines that it would not be feasible to assign licenses
18 for the use of the frequencies in a band specified in sub-
19 section (c) in the manner described in subsection (a), the
20 Commission, in coordination with the Assistant Secretary,
21 may, in the report, submit a proposal for an alternate
22 band of spectrum frequencies.

23 (e) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Each range of fre-
24 quencies described in this section shall be construed to be
25 inclusive of the upper and lower frequencies in the range.

1 (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

2 (1) ASSISTANT SECRETARY.—The term “Assist-
3 ant Secretary” means the Assistant Secretary of
4 Commerce for Communications and Information.

5 (2) COMMISSION.—The term “Commission”
6 means the Federal Communications Commission.

7 (3) FEDERAL ENTITY.—The term “Federal en-
8 tity” has the meaning given such term in section
9 113(l) of the National Telecommunications and In-
10 formation Administration Organization Act (47
11 U.S.C. 923(l)).

12 **SEC. 3. REPORT TO CONGRESS.**

13 Not later than [] years after the date of enact-
14 ment of this Act, the Commission shall transmit a report
15 to Congress containing—

16 (1) an analysis of the results of the rules
17 changes relating to the frequency between 3550 and
18 3650 megahertz; and

19 (2) any potential plans for sharing such bands
20 among Federal entities, non-Federal licensed users,
21 and unlicensed users.