

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 675
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Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “Secure Space Act of
3 2023”.

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

1 satellite system or a nongeostationary orbit satellite sys-
2 tem, or an authorization to use an individually licensed
3 earth station, if such license, grant of market access, or
4 authorization would be held or controlled by—

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

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

10 “(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

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

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

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

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

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

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

4 “(A) an earth station that sends a signal
5 to, and receives a signal from, a geostationary
6 orbit satellite system or a nongeostationary
7 orbit satellite system; or

8 “(B) a gateway station.”.

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

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

