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H. R. 3299

To require the Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture to establish online portals to accept, process, and dispose of certain Form 299s, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 15, 2023

Mrs. CAMMACK (for herself and Ms. MATSUI) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, and Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Deploying Infrastruc-
5 ture with Greater Internet Transactions And Legacy Ap-
6 plications Act” or the “DIGITAL Applications Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF ONLINE PORTALS TO ACCEPT,**
2 **PROCESS, AND DISPOSE OF CERTAIN FORM**
3 **299s.**

4 (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF ONLINE PORTALS.—

5 (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 1 year
6 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
7 retaries concerned shall each establish, with respect
8 to the relevant covered department, an online portal
9 for the acceptance, processing, and disposal of a
10 Form 299 for communications use authorizations.

11 (2) NOTIFICATION.—Not later than 3 business
12 days after the date on which an online portal has
13 been established by a Secretary pursuant to para-
14 graph (1), that Secretary shall notify the Assistant
15 Secretary of the establishment of such portal.

16 (b) AVAILABILITY OF ONLINE PORTALS.—The As-
17 sistant Secretary shall publish on the website of the Na-
18 tional Telecommunications and Information Administra-
19 tion a link to each online portal established pursuant to
20 subsection (a)(1).

21 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

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

25 (2) COMMUNICATIONS FACILITY.—The term
26 “communications facility” has the meaning given the

1 term “communications facility installation” in sec-
2 tion 6409(d) of the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job
3 Creation Act of 2012 (47 U.S.C. 1455(d)).

4 (3) COMMUNICATIONS USE.—The term “com-
5 munications use” means the placement and oper-
6 ation of a communications facility.

7 (4) COMMUNICATIONS USE AUTHORIZATION.—
8 The term “communications use authorization”
9 means an easement, right-of-way, lease, license, or
10 other authorization—

11 (A) provided by the Secretary of the Inte-
12 rior or the Secretary of Agriculture;

13 (B) to locate or modify a communications
14 facility on covered land; and

15 (C) for the primary purpose of authorizing
16 the occupancy and use of such covered land for
17 communications use.

18 (5) COVERED LAND.—The term “covered land”
19 means—

20 (A) public lands; and

21 (B) National Forest System land.

22 (6) FORM 299.—The term “Form 299” means
23 the form established under section 6409(b)(2)(A) of
24 the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act

1 of 2012 (47 U.S.C. 1455(b)(2)(A)), or any successor
2 form.

3 (7) NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM.—The term
4 “National Forest System” has the meaning given
5 that term in section 11(a) of the Forest and Range-
6 land Renewable Resources Planning Act of 1974 (16
7 U.S.C. 1609(a)).

8 (8) PUBLIC LANDS.—The term “public lands”
9 has the meaning given that term in section 103 of
10 the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of
11 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1702).

12 (9) RELEVANT COVERED DEPARTMENT.—The
13 term “relevant covered department” means—

14 (A) with respect to the Secretary of the In-
15 terior, the Department of the Interior; and

16 (B) with respect to the Secretary of Agri-
17 culture, the Department of Agriculture.

18 (10) SECRETARIES CONCERNED.—The term
19 “Secretaries concerned” means—

20 (A) the Secretary of the Interior; and

21 (B) the Secretary of Agriculture, acting
22 through the Chief of the Forest Service.

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