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# H. R. 675

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### IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 31, 2023

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

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## 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 2023”.

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, if such license, grant of market access, or  
24 authorization would be 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) GATEWAY STATION.—The term ‘gateway  
8 station’ means an earth station or a group of earth  
9 stations that—

10           “(A) supports the routing and switching  
11 functions of a geostationary orbit satellite sys-  
12 tem or a nongeostationary orbit satellite sys-  
13 tem;

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

16           “(C) does not originate or terminate com-  
17 munication traffic; and

18           “(D) is not for the exclusive use of any  
19 customer.

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

23           “(A) an earth station that sends a signal  
24 to, and receives a signal from, a geostationary

1 orbit satellite system or a nongeostationary  
2 orbit satellite system; or

3 “(B) a gateway station.”.

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

9 (c) RULES.—Not later than 1 year after the date of  
10 the enactment of this Act, the Federal Communications  
11 Commission shall issue rules to implement section 10 of  
12 the Secure and Trusted Communications Networks Act of  
13 2019, as added by subsection (a).