

116TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 4855

To amend the Communications Act of 1934 to provide for an auction of C-Band spectrum, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 24, 2019

Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE of Pennsylvania (for himself, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Ms. MATSUI, and Mr. GIANFORTE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 “Clearing Broad Air-
5 waves for New Deployment Act” or the “C-BAND Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. AUCTION OF C-BAND SPECTRUM.**

7 Title III of the Communications Act of 1934 (47
8 U.S.C. 301 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the
9 following:

1 **“PART V—C-BAND SPECTRUM**

2 **“SEC. 399L. AUCTION OF C-BAND SPECTRUM.**

3 “Not later than September 30, 2022, the Commission
4 shall—

5 “(1) clear and reallocate no less than 200
6 megahertz and no more than 300 megahertz of con-
7 tiguous C-Band spectrum (reserving 20 megahertz
8 as guard band)—

9 “(A) for the provision of broadband inter-
10 net access service; and

11 “(B) in such a way that ensures that C-
12 Band-dependent users—

13 “(i) receive equal or better service as
14 before the implementation of this section;
15 and

16 “(ii) receive such service continuously
17 throughout the transition process; and

18 “(2) through a system of competitive bidding
19 under section 309(j), assign licenses for the use of
20 the spectrum reallocated under paragraph (1), ex-
21 cept for the spectrum reserved as guard band.

22 **“SEC. 399M. DEFINITIONS.**

23 “In this part:

24 “(1) C-BAND-DEPENDENT USER.—The term
25 ‘C-Band-dependent user’ means a person who—

1 “(A) is a licensee or registrant of an earth
2 station receiving signals over C-Band spectrum;

3 or

4 “(B) receives or distributes programming
5 or services using C-Band spectrum.

6 “(2) C-BAND SPECTRUM.—The term ‘C-Band
7 spectrum’ means electromagnetic spectrum between
8 the frequencies of 3700 megahertz and 4200 mega-
9 hertz, inclusive.

10 “(3) CLEAR.—The term ‘clear’ means, with re-
11 spect to C-Band spectrum, to make such spectrum
12 available for reallocation and the assignment of li-
13 censes through a system of competitive bidding (or
14 reservation as guard band) under section 399L.”.

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