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To establish radiofrequency licensing authority for certain operations involving certain earth stations and gateway stations, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. CRUZ (for himself and Ms. ROSEN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

To establish radiofrequency licensing authority for certain operations involving certain earth stations and gateway stations, and for other purposes.

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 “Satellite And Tele-
5 communications Streamlining Act” or the “SAT Stream-
6 lining Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. AUTHORITY REGARDING CERTAIN LICENSES.**

8 (a) AMENDMENT.—Part I of title III of the Commu-
9 nications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 301 et seq.) is amended
10 by adding at the end the following:

1 **“SEC. 346. RADIOFREQUENCY LICENSING AUTHORITY RE-**
2 **LATING TO CERTAIN OPERATIONS.**

3 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 “(1) COVERED APPLICATION.— The term ‘cov-
5 ered application’ means an application for a license
6 or grant of market access to operate a system de-
7 scribed in subsection (c)(1)(B) or (d)(1)(B) that is
8 pending on the date of enactment of this section.

9 “(2) COVERED AUTHORIZATION.—The term
10 ‘covered authorization’ means—

11 “(A) a license or grant of market access
12 granted by the Commission to operate a system
13 described in subsection (c)(1)(B) or (d)(1)(B)
14 that is in effect on the date of enactment of
15 this section; or

16 “(B) a license or grant of market access
17 granted by Commission approval of a covered
18 application.

19 “(3) COVERED RADIOCOMMUNICATION SERV-
20 ICE.—The term ‘covered radiocommunication serv-
21 ice’—

22 “(A) means a radiocommunication service
23 (as defined in the radio regulations of the Inter-
24 national Telecommunication Union that are in
25 force as of the date of enactment of this sec-
26 tion, or any successor regulations); and

1 under subsection (c)(1) or a grant of mar-
2 ket access granted under subsection (d)(1);

3 or

4 “(ii) a geostationary orbit space sta-
5 tion operated under a license granted
6 under subsection (c)(2) or a grant of mar-
7 ket access granted under subsection (d)(2);

8 or

9 “(B) a gateway station.

10 “(6) NATIONAL DEFENSE OR SECURITY OF THE
11 UNITED STATES.—The term ‘national defense or se-
12 curity of the United States’—

13 “(A) means the protection of the United
14 States from foreign aggression; and

15 “(B) does not otherwise include the protec-
16 tion of the general welfare of the United States.

17 “(b) RULES.—Not later than 12 months after the
18 date of enactment of this section, the Commission shall
19 issue rules to amend part 25 of title 47, Code of Federal
20 Regulations, to establish—

21 “(1) for any license granted under subsection
22 (c), specific modifications, or classes of modifica-
23 tions, to the license that warrant expedited treat-
24 ment under subparagraph (A) or (B), as applicable,
25 of subsection (g)(2);

1 “(2) for any license granted under subsection
2 (c), grant of market access granted under subsection
3 (d), authorization granted under subsection (e), or
4 covered authorization, the manner in which the li-
5 censee, grantee, or entity shall notify the Commis-
6 sion of a request to submit a modification under
7 subsection (g)(3);

8 “(3) rules that seek to promote competition, in-
9 novation, and efficient use of spectrum by entities
10 with covered authorizations, including by accounting
11 for advancements in technology capable of managing
12 interference concerns to the greatest extent prac-
13 ticable; and

14 “(4) for any application or request for modifica-
15 tion described in subsection (n), what constitutes re-
16 portable foreign ownership for purposes of para-
17 graph (1) of that subsection.

18 “(c) APPLICATION FOR LICENSE.—

19 “(1) NGSO DETERMINATION REQUIRED.—

20 “(A) IN GENERAL.—

21 “(i) APPLICATIONS.—Except as pro-
22 vided in clause (ii), paragraph (5), and
23 subsection (m), not later than 1 year after
24 the date on which the Commission issues a
25 public notice of the acceptance for filing of

1 a written application submitted to the
2 Commission for a license described in sub-
3 paragraph (B) of this paragraph, the Com-
4 mission shall determine whether to grant
5 the application, including any amendment
6 to the application.

7 “(ii) MAJOR AMENDMENTS.—Except
8 as provided in paragraph (5) and sub-
9 section (m), if a major amendment (within
10 the meaning of section 25.116 of title 47,
11 Code of Federal Regulations, or any suc-
12 cessor regulation) to an application de-
13 scribed in clause (i) is submitted to the
14 Commission, the Commission shall deter-
15 mine whether to grant the application, in-
16 cluding the major amendment and any
17 other amendment to the application, not
18 later than 1 year after the date on which
19 the Commission issues a public notice of
20 the acceptance for filing of the major
21 amendment.”.

22 “(B) TYPES OF APPLICATIONS.—An appli-
23 cation described in this subparagraph is an ap-
24 plication for a license for covered
25 radiocommunication services using—

1 “(i) a nongeostationary orbit space
2 station;

3 “(ii) a blanket-licensed earth station
4 or earth stations that will operate with a
5 nongeostationary orbit space station; or

6 “(iii) a nongeostationary orbit space
7 station and a blanket-licensed earth station
8 or earth stations that will operate with the
9 nongeostationary orbit space station.

10 “(2) GSO DETERMINATION REQUIRED.—

11 “(A) IN GENERAL.—

12 “(i) APPLICATIONS.—Except as pro-
13 vided in clause (ii), paragraph (5), and
14 subsection (m), not later than 1 year after
15 the date on which the Commission issues a
16 public notice of the acceptance for filing of
17 a written application submitted to the
18 Commission for a license described in sub-
19 paragraph (B) of this paragraph, the Com-
20 mission shall determine whether to grant
21 the application, including any amendment
22 to the application.

23 “(ii) MAJOR AMENDMENTS.—Except
24 as provided in paragraph (5) and sub-
25 section (m), if a major amendment (within

1 the meaning of section 25.116 of title 47,
2 Code of Federal Regulations, or any suc-
3 cessor regulation) to an application de-
4 scribed in clause (i) is submitted to the
5 Commission, the Commission shall deter-
6 mine whether to grant the application, in-
7 cluding the major amendment and any
8 other amendment to the application, not
9 later than 1 year after the date on which
10 the Commission issues a public notice of
11 the acceptance for filing of the major
12 amendment.

13 “(B) TYPES OF APPLICATIONS.—An appli-
14 cation described in this subparagraph is an ap-
15 plication for a license for covered
16 radiocommunication services using—

17 “(i) a geostationary orbit space sta-
18 tion;

19 “(ii) a blanket-licensed earth station
20 or earth stations that will operate with a
21 geostationary orbit space station; or

22 “(iii) a geostationary orbit space sta-
23 tion and a blanket-licensed earth station or
24 earth stations that will operate with the
25 geostationary orbit space station.

1 “(3) CONTENTS OF APPLICATION.—In addition
2 to the application requirements described in section
3 308(b), an application submitted under paragraph
4 (1) or (2) shall include performance metrics with re-
5 spect to the frequencies and transmission power to
6 be used.

7 “(4) TERM OF INITIAL LICENSE.—The Com-
8 mission shall grant a license for a term not to exceed
9 15 years for any application granted under this sub-
10 section.

11 “(5) EXCEPTIONS.—The deadline for the deter-
12 mination required in paragraphs (1) and (2) may be
13 extended by the Commission for an application sub-
14 ject to review under subsection (m).

15 “(d) APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF MARKET AC-
16 CESS.—

17 “(1) NGSO DETERMINATION REQUIRED.—

18 “(A) IN GENERAL.—

19 “(i) APPLICATIONS.—Except as pro-
20 vided in clause (ii) and subsection (m),
21 after the date on which the Commission
22 issues a public notice of the acceptance for
23 filing of a written application submitted to
24 the Commission for market access de-
25 scribed in subparagraph (B) of this para-

1 graph, the Commission shall determine
2 whether to grant the application, including
3 any amendment to the application.

4 “(ii) MAJOR AMENDMENTS.—If a
5 major amendment (within the meaning of
6 section 25.116 of title 47, Code of Federal
7 Regulations, or any successor regulation)
8 to an application described in clause (i) is
9 submitted to the Commission, the Commis-
10 sion shall determine whether to grant the
11 application, including the major amend-
12 ment and any other amendment to the ap-
13 plication, not later than 1 year after the
14 date on which the Commission issues a
15 public notice of the acceptance for filing of
16 the major amendment.

17 “(B) TYPES OF APPLICATIONS.—An appli-
18 cation described in this subparagraph is an ap-
19 plication for market access within the United
20 States for covered radiocommunication services
21 using—

22 “(i) a nongeostationary orbit space
23 station;

1 “(ii) a blanket-licensed earth station
2 or earth stations that will operate with a
3 nongeostationary orbit space station; or

4 “(iii) a nongeostationary orbit space
5 station and a blanket-licensed earth station
6 or earth stations that will operate with the
7 nongeostationary orbit space station.

8 “(2) GSO DETERMINATION REQUIRED.—

9 “(A) IN GENERAL.—

10 “(i) APPLICATIONS.—Except as pro-
11 vided in clause (ii) and subsection (m),
12 after the date on which the Commission
13 issues a public notice of the acceptance for
14 filing of a written application submitted to
15 the Commission for market access de-
16 scribed in subparagraph (B), the Commis-
17 sion shall determine whether to grant the
18 application, including any amendment to
19 the application.

20 “(ii) MAJOR AMENDMENTS.—If a
21 major amendment (within the meaning of
22 section 25.116 of title 47, Code of Federal
23 Regulations, or any successor regulation)
24 to an application described in clause (i) is
25 submitted to the Commission, the Commis-

1 sion shall determine whether to grant the
2 application, including the major amend-
3 ment and any other amendment to the ap-
4 plication, not later than 1 year after the
5 date on which the Commission issues a
6 public notice of the acceptance for filing of
7 the major amendment.

8 “(B) TYPE OF APPLICATION.—An applica-
9 tion described in this subparagraph is an appli-
10 cation for market access within the United
11 States for covered radiocommunication services
12 using a geostationary orbit space station.

13 “(3) CONTENTS OF APPLICATION.—In addition
14 to the application requirements described in section
15 308(b), an application submitted under paragraph
16 (1) or (2) shall include performance metrics with re-
17 spect to the frequencies and transmission power to
18 be used.

19 “(4) TERM OF INITIAL GRANT OF MARKET AC-
20 CESS.—The Commission shall grant market access
21 for a term not to exceed 15 years for any application
22 granted under this subsection.

23 “(e) EARTH STATION AUTHORIZATION.—

24 “(1) DETERMINATION REQUIRED FOR INDIVID-
25 UALLY LICENSED EARTH STATIONS.—

1 “(A) IN GENERAL.—

2 “(i) APPLICATIONS.—Except as pro-
3 vided in clause (ii), paragraph (4), and
4 subsection (m), not later than 180 days
5 after the date on which the Commission
6 issues a public notice of the acceptance for
7 filing of a written application submitted to
8 the Commission for authorization described
9 in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph, the
10 Commission shall determine whether to
11 grant the application, including any
12 amendment to the application.

13 “(ii) MAJOR AMENDMENTS.—If a
14 major amendment (within the meaning of
15 section 25.116 of title 47, Code of Federal
16 Regulations, or any successor regulation)
17 to an application described in clause (i) is
18 submitted to the Commission, the Commis-
19 sion shall determine whether to grant the
20 application, including the major amend-
21 ment and any other amendment to the ap-
22 plication, not later than 1 year after the
23 date on which the Commission issues a
24 public notice of the acceptance for filing of
25 the major amendment.

1 “(B) TYPE OF APPLICATION.—An applica-
2 tion described in this subparagraph is an appli-
3 cation for authorization to use an individually
4 licensed earth station.

5 “(2) DETERMINATION REQUIRED FOR RECEIVE-
6 ONLY EARTH STATIONS.—

7 “(A) IN GENERAL.—

8 “(i) APPLICATIONS.—Except as pro-
9 vided in clause (ii), paragraph (3), and
10 subsection (m), not later than 30 days
11 after the date on which the Commission
12 issues a public notice of the acceptance for
13 filing of a written application submitted to
14 the Commission for authorization described
15 in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph, the
16 Commission shall determine whether to
17 grant the application, including any
18 amendment to the application.

19 “(ii) MAJOR AMENDMENTS.—If a
20 major amendment (within the meaning of
21 section 25.116 of title 47, Code of Federal
22 Regulations, or any successor regulation)
23 to an application described in clause (i) is
24 submitted to the Commission, the Commis-
25 sion shall determine whether to grant the

1 application, including the major amend-
2 ment and any other amendment to the ap-
3 plication, not later than 1 year after the
4 date on which the Commission issues a
5 public notice of the acceptance for filing of
6 the major amendment.

7 “(B) TYPES OF APPLICATION.—An appli-
8 cation described in this subparagraph is an ap-
9 plication for authorization to use an earth sta-
10 tion or earth stations to receive a signal from—

11 “(i) a nongeostationary orbit space
12 station operated under a license granted
13 under subsection (c)(1) or a grant of mar-
14 ket access granted under subsection (d)(1);
15 or

16 “(ii) a geostationary orbit space sta-
17 tion operated under a license granted
18 under subsection (c)(2) or a grant of mar-
19 ket access granted under subsection (d)(2).

20 “(3) EXCEPTION.—The deadline for the deter-
21 mination required under paragraph (1) or (2) may
22 be extended by the Commission for an application
23 subject to review under subsection (n).

24 “(4) INAPPLICABILITY TO BLANKET-LICENSED
25 EARTH STATIONS.—This subsection does not apply

1 with respect to an earth station or earth stations to
2 the extent that the earth station or earth stations
3 will be blanket-licensed with a space station, as de-
4 scribed in subsection (c)(1)(B)(ii), (c)(1)(C)(iii),
5 (c)(2)(B)(ii), (c)(2)(C)(iii), (d)(1)(B)(ii), or
6 (d)(1)(C)(iii).

7 “(f) RENEWAL OF LICENSE, GRANT OF MARKET AC-
8 CESS, OR AUTHORIZATION.—Except as provided in sub-
9 section (m), not later than 180 days after the date on
10 which the Commission receives a request for renewal of
11 a license granted under subsection (c), a grant of market
12 access granted under subsection (d), or an authorization
13 granted under subsection (e) from the licensee, grantee,
14 or entity with such authorization, as applicable—

15 “(1) if the Commission determines the require-
16 ments under section 309(k) have been met, the
17 Commission shall grant the request, including any
18 amendment to the request, and renew the license,
19 grant of market access, or authorization for a term
20 not to exceed the length of the initial term beginning
21 the day after the date on which the preceding term
22 of the license, grant of market access, or authoriza-
23 tion expires; or

1 “(2) the Commission shall make the determina-
2 tion described in section 309(k)(3) and deny the re-
3 quest, including any amendment to the request.

4 “(g) MODIFICATION OF LICENSE OR GRANT OF MAR-
5 KET ACCESS.—

6 “(1) MAJOR MODIFICATIONS.—

7 “(A) NGSO LICENSE MAJOR MODIFICA-
8 TIONS.—Except as provided in paragraphs (2),
9 (3), and (4) of this subsection and in subsection
10 (m), and not later than 1 year after the date
11 on which the Commission receives a request to
12 modify a license granted under subsection
13 (c)(1), the Commission shall grant or deny the
14 request (including any amendment to the re-
15 quest).

16 “(B) GSO LICENSE AND GRANT OF MAR-
17 KET ACCESS MAJOR MODIFICATIONS.—Except
18 as provided in paragraphs (2), (3), and (4) of
19 this subsection, the Commission may grant a
20 request (including any amendment to the re-
21 quest) to modify a license granted under sub-
22 section (c)(2) or a grant of market access
23 granted under subsection (d).

24 “(2) EXPEDITED TREATMENT FOR MINOR
25 MODIFICATIONS.—

1 “(A) NGSO LICENSE MODIFICATIONS.—
2 Except as provided in paragraphs (3) and (4)
3 of this subsection and in subsections (h) and
4 (m), and not later than 90 days after the date
5 on which the Commission receives a request to
6 modify a license granted under subsection
7 (c)(1), the Commission shall grant the request,
8 including any amendment to the request, if the
9 request is limited only to modifications, or a
10 class of modifications, that—

11 “(i) increase transmission capacity;

12 “(ii) improve spectral efficiency, such
13 as by improving compression technologies;
14 or

15 “(iii) otherwise do not substantially
16 modify the space station authorized by the
17 license.

18 “(B) GSO LICENSE MODIFICATIONS.—Ex-
19 cept as provided in paragraphs (3) and (4) of
20 this subsection and in subsections (h) and (m),
21 and not later than 90 days after the date on
22 which the Commission receives a request to
23 modify a license granted under subsection
24 (c)(2), the Commission shall grant the request,
25 including any amendment to the request, if the

1 request is limited only to modifications, or a
2 class of modifications, that—

3 “(i) increase transmission capacity;

4 “(ii) improve spectral efficiency, such
5 as by improving compression technologies;

6 or

7 “(iii) otherwise do not substantially
8 modify the space station authorized by the
9 license.

10 “(C) EXCLUSION.—This paragraph shall
11 not apply to a request to modify a license for—

12 “(i) the addition of an ancillary ter-
13 restrial component; or

14 “(ii) modifying the service offered
15 under the initial license granted under sub-
16 section (c) between fixed satellite service
17 and mobile satellite service.

18 “(3) EXPEDITED TREATMENT FOR CERTAIN
19 MODIFICATIONS.—

20 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30
21 days after the Commission receives a request to
22 modify a license granted under subsection (c),
23 a grant of market access granted under sub-
24 section (d), an authorization granted under sub-
25 section (e), or a covered authorization, in order

1 to conduct a replacement described in subpara-
2 graph (B), the Commission shall grant or deny
3 the request.

4 “(B) REPLACEMENT.—A replacement de-
5 scribed in this subparagraph is a replacement
6 of—

7 “(i) 1 space station, or component of
8 a space station, with a technically similar
9 space station, or component of a space sta-
10 tion, previously approved by the Commis-
11 sion; or

12 “(ii) 1 earth station, or component of
13 an earth station, with a technically similar
14 earth station, or component of an earth
15 station, previously approved by the Com-
16 mission.

17 “(4) EXCEPTIONS.—The Commission may ex-
18 tend the deadlines under paragraphs (1) and (2) for
19 a request subject to review under subsection (n).

20 “(h) EMERGENCY GRANT, RENEWAL, OR MODIFICA-
21 TION.—If the Commission finds that there are extraor-
22 dinary circumstances involving a danger to life or property
23 or an action that is necessary for the national defense or
24 security of the United States, the Commission—

1 “(1) may grant, for a period not to exceed 180
2 days in a manner and upon the terms the Commis-
3 sion shall by rule prescribe—

4 “(A) a license described in subsection (c),
5 a grant of market access described in sub-
6 section (d), or an authorization described in
7 subsection (e);

8 “(B) a renewal of a license, grant of mar-
9 ket access, or authorization described in sub-
10 paragraph (A); or

11 “(C) a modification of a license, grant of
12 market access, or authorization described in
13 subparagraph (A);

14 “(2) shall include with a grant made under this
15 subsection a statement of the reasons of the Com-
16 mission for making the grant;

17 “(3) may extend a grant made under this sub-
18 section for a period not to exceed 180 days; and

19 “(4) shall give expeditious treatment to any—

20 “(A) timely filed petition to deny a grant
21 under this subsection; or

22 “(B) timely filed petition for rehearing of
23 a grant made under this subsection that is filed
24 under section 405.

1 “(i) STATE PREEMPTION OF MARKET ENTRY;
2 RATES.—

3 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other
4 provision of law, a State or local government may
5 not regulate the rates charged by—

6 “(A) an applicant or licensee with respect
7 to a license granted under subsection (b);

8 “(B) an applicant or grantee with respect
9 to a grant of market access granted under sub-
10 section (c); or

11 “(C) an applicant or entity with respect to
12 an authorization granted under subsection (d).

13 “(2) EXCEPTION.—Paragraph (1) shall not pro-
14 hibit a State or local government from adopting fair
15 and reasonable regulations governing the other
16 terms and conditions of a licensee, grantee, or enti-
17 ty, including regulations to protect aesthetic and
18 safety interests, provided such regulations do not
19 prohibit or have the effect of prohibiting market
20 entry or the provision of service.

21 “(j) REGULATORY RESTRAINT.—

22 “(1) LIMITATION ON INFORMATION REQUIRED
23 TO BE PROVIDED.—In performing any act, issuing
24 any rule or regulation, or issuing any order nec-
25 essary to carry out this section, the Commission—

1 “(A) shall limit the information required to
2 be furnished to the Commission to that which
3 is strictly necessary; and

4 “(B) with respect to an application filed
5 under subsection (c), (d), or (e), a request for
6 renewal made under subsection (f), or a request
7 for modification made under subsection (g)—

8 “(i) may not require the filing of any
9 information that previously has been fur-
10 nished to the Commission or that is not di-
11 rectly material to the considerations that
12 affect the granting or denial of such appli-
13 cation or request; and

14 “(ii) may require information about
15 new or additional facts that the Commis-
16 sion determines necessary to make its find-
17 ings.

18 “(2) DEADLINE FOR PETITION DETERMINA-
19 TION.—If an applicant for a license or a licensee
20 under subsection (c) files a petition under part 1 of
21 title 47, Code of Federal Regulations, or any suc-
22 cessor regulation, relating to information required to
23 be furnished to the Commission under this section,
24 the Commission shall grant or deny the petition not

1 later than 90 days after the date on which the peti-
2 tion is filed.

3 “(k) RELATION TO EXPERIMENTAL AND AMATEUR
4 USES.—This section shall not apply to any Commission
5 authorization in—

6 “(1) the experimental radio service; or

7 “(2) the amateur radio service.

8 “(l) COMPLETENESS.—

9 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days
10 after receiving a written application submitted under
11 subsection (c), (d), or (e), the Commission shall—

12 “(A) determine whether—

13 “(i) the application contains—

14 “(I) in the case of an application
15 submitted under subsection (c), all of
16 the information required to be sub-
17 mitted with the application under sub-
18 section (c)(3) and the first sentence of
19 section 308(b);

20 “(II) in the case of an applica-
21 tion submitted under subsection (d),
22 all of the information required to be
23 submitted with the application under
24 subsection (d)(3) and the first sen-
25 tence of section 308(b); or

1 “(III) in the case of an applica-
2 tion submitted under subsection (e),
3 all of the information required to be
4 submitted with the application under
5 the first sentence of section 308(b);
6 and

7 “(ii) the applicant has paid the fee, if
8 any, required under section 8 in connection
9 with the application; and

10 “(B)(i) if both determinations under sub-
11 paragraph (A) are in the affirmative, issue a
12 public notice of the acceptance for filing of the
13 application; or

14 “(ii) if either determination under sub-
15 paragraph (A) is in the negative, provide notice
16 to the applicant of the negative determination,
17 including the information required to be sub-
18 mitted that was not submitted, the amount of
19 the application fee due, or both, as applicable.

20 “(2) INACTION BY COMMISSION.—If the Com-
21 mission does not comply with paragraph (1) with re-
22 spect to an application by the deadline specified in
23 that paragraph, the Commission shall be deemed for
24 purposes of subsection (c), (d), or (e), as applicable,
25 to have issued a public notice of the acceptance for

1 filing of the application on the date that is 30 days
2 after the date on which the application was received.

3 “(m) TOLLING.—

4 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in sub-
5 sections (c)(5), (e)(4), and (g)(4), with respect to an
6 application for a license under subsection (c) or an
7 authorization under subsection (e), or a request for
8 renewal under subsection (f) or modification under
9 subsection (g) of a license granted under subsection
10 (c), a grant of market access granted under sub-
11 section (d), or an authorization granted under sub-
12 section (e), the Commission may extend the deadline
13 under subsection (c), (e), (f), or (g), as applicable,
14 for consideration of the application or request only
15 if—

16 “(A)(i) the Commission finds that there
17 are extraordinary circumstances involving a
18 danger to life or property or an action that is
19 necessary for the national defense or security of
20 the United States requiring additional time for
21 consideration of the application or request; or

22 “(ii) a lapse in appropriations occurs with
23 respect to the Commission granting such appli-
24 cations; and

1 “(B) the Commission publishes and
2 submits to the Committee on Commerce,
3 Science, and Transportation of the Senate
4 and the Committee on Energy and Com-
5 merce of the House of Representatives a
6 notice of the finding described in subpara-
7 graph (A) that states—

8 “(i) the reasons of the Commis-
9 sion for the extension; and

10 “(ii) the length of the period of
11 the extension.

12 “(2) LENGTH.—The Commission may not grant
13 an extension of a deadline under paragraph (1) for
14 a period that exceeds 90 days or, in the case of a
15 lapse in appropriations described in paragraph
16 (1)(A)(ii), the duration of the lapse in appropria-
17 tions.

18 “(3) LIMIT ON EXTENSIONS.—The Commission
19 may grant not more than 2 extensions of a deadline
20 under paragraph (1).

21 “(n) REVIEW FOR NATIONAL SECURITY AND LAW
22 ENFORCEMENT CONCERNS.—

23 “(1) REVIEW REQUIRED FOR ENTITIES WITH
24 REPORTABLE FOREIGN OWNERSHIP.—In the case of
25 an application under subsection (c), (d), or (e), a re-

1 request for modification under subsection (g), or a re-
2 quest for modification of a covered authorization,
3 that is submitted by an entity that the Commission
4 determines to have reportable foreign ownership, the
5 Commission shall refer the application or request to
6 the Committee for the Assessment of Foreign Par-
7 ticipation in the United States Telecommunications
8 Services Sector established by Executive Order
9 13913 (85 Fed. Reg. 19643; relating to the estab-
10 lishment of the Committee for the Assessment of
11 Foreign Participation in the United States Tele-
12 communications Services Sector) (in this subsection
13 referred to as the ‘Committee’) for review of na-
14 tional security and law enforcement concerns that
15 may be raised by the application or request.

16 “(2) REVIEW AT DISCRETION OF COMMIS-
17 SION.—In addition to the applications and requests
18 that the Commission is required to refer to the Com-
19 mittee under paragraph (1), the Commission may, in
20 the discretion of the Commission, refer any other ap-
21 plication under subsection (c), (d), or (e), request
22 for modification under subsection (g), or request for
23 modification of a covered authorization to the Com-
24 mittee for review of national security and law en-

1 forcement concerns that may be raised by the appli-
2 cation or request.

3 “(o) SPECTRUM PROTECTION PLAN UPDATES.—

4 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than April 20,
5 2028, and biennially thereafter, the Commission
6 shall review and update the regulations of the Com-
7 mission that relate to spectrum sharing for non-geo-
8 stationary orbit and fixed-satellite service.

9 “(2) EXCEPTION.—If the Commission deter-
10 mines that no update under paragraph (1) is re-
11 quired, the Commission shall submit to Congress a
12 notice that provides justification for the determina-
13 tion.

14 “(p) ALLEVIATION OF DELAYS FOR CERTAIN APPLI-
15 CATIONS.—

16 “(1) ADDITION OF CERTAIN AUTHORIZED
17 SPACE STATIONS.—The Commission shall permit
18 non-geostationary orbit operators to add an author-
19 ized space station as a point of communication to an
20 authorized ground station on a notification-only
21 basis without filing an application for modification
22 under subsection (g) if the addition of the author-
23 ized space station involves no other changes to the
24 authorized parameters of the ground stations.

1 “(2) EXTENSION OF SPECIAL TEMPORARY AU-
2 THORITY.—The Commission may extend a 60-day
3 Special Temporary Authority granted under 47
4 C.F.R. 25.120(b)(3), the request for which was filed
5 alongside an application for regular nonbroadcast
6 operation, on its own motion and without placing the
7 request for Special Temporary Authority on public
8 notice during the time that the application remains
9 pending.

10 “(q) DEEMED GRANTED.—If the Commission fails to
11 grant or deny an application or request, including any
12 amendment to an application or request, submitted under
13 subsections (c)(1), (c)(2), (e)(1), (e)(2), (g)(1), or (g)(2)
14 by the deadline for the determination required by such
15 subsection, the application or request, including an
16 amendment to an application or request, shall be deemed
17 granted on the date on which the Commission receives
18 from the applicant or requestor written notice of the fail-
19 ure to grant or deny the application or request by the ap-
20 plicable deadline.”.

21 (b) RELATION TO OTHER LAW AMENDMENTS.—Sec-
22 tion 309 of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C.
23 309) is amended—

24 (1) in subsection (j)(2)—

1 (A) in subparagraph (B), by striking “;
2 or” and inserting a semicolon;

3 (B) by redesignating subparagraph (C) as
4 subparagraph (D); and

5 (C) by inserting after subparagraph (B)
6 the following:

7 “(C) for licenses, grants of market access,
8 or authorizations granted under section 346;
9 or”; and

10 (2) in subsection (k)—

11 (A) in the heading, by striking “BROAD-
12 CAST STATION RENEWAL PROCEDURES” and
13 inserting “RENEWAL PROCEDURES FOR CER-
14 TAIN AUTHORIZATIONS”;

15 (B) in paragraph (1)—

16 (i) in the matter preceding subpara-
17 graph (A)—

18 (I) by inserting “, the holder of
19 a license granted under section
20 346(c), the recipient of a grant of
21 market access granted under section
22 346(d), or an entity with authoriza-
23 tion granted under section 346(e),”
24 after “broadcast station”;

1 (II) by inserting “, grant, or au-
2 thorization” after “such license”;

3 (III) by striking “that station”
4 and inserting “that licensee, recipient,
5 or entity”; and

6 (IV) by inserting “, grant of
7 market access, or authorization” after
8 “its license”;

9 (ii) in subparagraph (A), by striking
10 “the station” and inserting “in the case of
11 a broadcast station, the station”;

12 (iii) in subparagraph (B), by inserting
13 “, recipient, or entity” after “licensee”;
14 and

15 (iv) in subparagraph (C), by inserting
16 “, recipient, or entity” after “licensee”;

17 (C) in paragraph (2), by inserting “, or the
18 holder of a license granted under section
19 346(d), the recipient of a grant of market ac-
20 cess granted under section 346(d), or an entity
21 with authorization granted under section
22 346(e),” after “broadcast station”;

23 (D) in paragraph (3)—

24 (i) in the matter preceding subpara-
25 graph (A), by inserting “of a broadcast

1 station, a holder of a license granted under
2 section 346(e), a recipient of a grant of
3 market access granted under section
4 346(d), or an entity with authorization
5 granted under section 346(e)” after “that
6 a licensee”;

7 (ii) in subparagraph (A)—

8 (I) by inserting “, recipient, or
9 entity” after “licensee”; and

10 (II) by inserting “or 346” after
11 “section 308”; and

12 (iii) in subparagraph (B), by striking
13 “former licensee” and inserting “former li-
14 censee of a broadcast station or such appli-
15 cations for a license, grant of market ac-
16 cess, or authorization as may be filed
17 under section 346(c), 346(d), or 346(e)
18 specifying the information of the former li-
19 censee, recipient, or entity”; and

20 (E) in paragraph (4), by inserting “, grant
21 of market access, or grant of an authorization”
22 after “license”.

23 (c) APPLICABILITY.—The requirements in the
24 amendments made by this section shall apply with respect
25 to any application submitted under subsection (c), (d), or

1 (e) of section 346 of the Communications Act of 1934,
2 as added by subsection (a), and any request for renewal
3 or modification submitted under such section, on or after
4 the date of enactment of this Act.