

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 259

AN ACT

To direct the Federal Communications Commission to publish a list of entities that hold authorizations, licenses, or other grants of authority issued by the Commission and that have certain foreign ownership, 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Foreign Adversary
3 Communications Transparency Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. LIST OF ENTITIES HOLDING FCC AUTHORIZATIONS,**
5 **LICENSES, OR OTHER GRANTS OF AUTHOR-**
6 **ITY AND HAVING CERTAIN FOREIGN OWNER-**
7 **SHIP.**

8 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

9 (1) APPROPRIATE NATIONAL SECURITY AGEN-
10 CY.—The term “appropriate national security agen-
11 cy” has the meaning given such term in section 9
12 of the Secure and Trusted Communications Net-
13 works Act of 2019 (47 U.S.C. 1608).

14 (2) COMMISSION.—The term “Commission”
15 means the Federal Communications Commission.

16 (3) COVERED COUNTRY.—The term “covered
17 country” means a country specified in section
18 4872(f)(2) of title 10, United States Code.

19 (4) COVERED ENTITY.—The term “covered en-
20 tity” means—

21 (A) the government of a covered country;

22 (B) an entity organized under the laws of
23 a covered country; and

24 (C) a subsidiary of an entity described in
25 subparagraph (B), regardless of whether the

1 subsidiary is organized under the laws of a cov-
2 ered country.

3 (b) PUBLICATION OF LIST.—Not later than 120 days
4 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Commis-
5 sion shall publish on the internet website of the Commis-
6 sion a list of each entity—

7 (1) that holds a license issued by the Commis-
8 sion pursuant to—

9 (A) section 309(j) of the Communications
10 Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 309(j)); or

11 (B) the Act of May 27, 1921 (47 U.S.C.
12 34 et seq.; commonly known as the “Cable
13 Landing Licensing Act”) and Executive Order
14 10530 (3 U.S.C. 301 note; relating to the per-
15 formance of certain functions vested in or sub-
16 ject to the approval of the President); and

17 (2) with respect to which—

18 (A) a covered entity holds an equity or vot-
19 ing interest that is required to be reported to
20 the Commission under the ownership rules of
21 the Commission; or

22 (B) an appropriate national security agen-
23 cy has determined that a covered entity exerts
24 control, regardless of whether such covered enti-

1 ty holds an equity or voting interest as de-
2 scribed in subparagraph (A).

3 (c) RULEMAKING.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 18 months
5 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
6 Commission shall issue rules to obtain information
7 to identify each entity—

8 (A) that holds any authorization, license,
9 or other grant of authority issued by the Com-
10 mission (other than a license described in sub-
11 section (b)(1)); and

12 (B) with respect to which a covered entity
13 holds an equity or voting interest that is re-
14 quired to be reported to the Commission under
15 the ownership rules of the Commission.

16 (2) PLACEMENT ON LIST.—Not later than 1
17 year after the Commission issues the rules required
18 by paragraph (1), the Commission shall place each
19 entity described in such paragraph on the list pub-
20 lished under subsection (b).

21 (d) PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT EXEMPTION.—A
22 collection of information conducted or sponsored by the
23 Commission to implement this section does not constitute
24 a collection of information for the purposes of subchapter

1 I of chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code (commonly
2 referred to as the “Paperwork Reduction Act”).

3 (e) ANNUAL UPDATES.—The Commission shall, not
4 less frequently than annually, update the list published
5 under subsection (b), including with respect to any entity
6 required to be placed on such list by subsection (c)(2).

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Attest:

Secretary.

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