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To require an inventory of radio spectrum bands managed by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration and the Federal Communications Commission.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. KERRY (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. NELSON of Florida, and Mr. WICKER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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 “Radio Spectrum Inven-
5 tory Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. SPECTRUM INVENTORY.**

2 Part I of title III of the Communications Act of 1934
3 (47 U.S.C. 301 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end
4 the following:

5 **“SEC. 342. SPECTRUM INVENTORY.**

6 “(a) RADIO SPECTRUM INVENTORY.—Not later than
7 180 days after the date of enactment of this section, and
8 biennially thereafter, the National Telecommunications
9 and Information Administration and the Federal Commu-
10 nications Commission, in consultation with the Office of
11 Science and Technology, shall carry out each of the fol-
12 lowing activities:

13 “(1) Conduct a report that includes an inven-
14 tory of each radio spectrum band, from 300 Mega-
15 hertz to 3.5 Gigahertz, managed by each such agen-
16 cy. Such report shall include—

17 “(A) the licenses or government user as-
18 signed in the band;

19 “(B) the total spectrum allocation, by
20 band, of each licensee or government user (in
21 percentage terms and in sum);

22 “(C) the number of intentional radiators
23 and end-user intentional radiators that have
24 been deployed in the band with each license or
25 government user; and

26 “(D) if such information is available—

1 “(i) the type of intentional radiators
2 operating in the band;

3 “(ii) the type of unlicensed intentional
4 radiators authorized to operate in the
5 band;

6 “(iii) contour maps that illustrate sig-
7 nal coverage and strength; and

8 “(iv) the approximate geo-location of
9 base stations or fixed transmitters.

10 “(2) Create a centralized portal or website uti-
11 lized by each such agency to make the inventory of
12 the bands of such agency available to the public via
13 an Internet-accessible website.

14 “(3) Make all necessary efforts to maintain and
15 update the information required under paragraph
16 (2) in near real-time fashion and whenever there is
17 a transfer or auction of licenses or change in alloca-
18 tion or assignment.

19 “(4) Submit the report required under para-
20 graph (1) to the Committee on Commerce, Science,
21 and Transportation of the Senate and to the Com-
22 mittee on Energy and Commerce of the House of
23 Representatives.

24 “(b) NATIONAL SECURITY EXEMPTION.—A licensee
25 or government user of spectrum may petition the Commis-

1 sion or the National Telecommunications and Information
2 Administration for a partial or total exemption from inclu-
3 sion on the website and in the report required by sub-
4 section (a). Such an exemption may be granted only to
5 the extent that each such agency determines that disclo-
6 sure of such information would be harmful to the national
7 security of the United States. The licensee or government
8 user seeking an exemption under this subsection bears the
9 burden of justifying the exemption and shall provide clear
10 and convincing evidence to support such an exemption.
11 Any such exemption shall apply only for 2 years and shall
12 expire upon the end of such 2-year period unless the li-
13 censee or government user seeks and obtains an extension
14 in accordance with this subsection. Any information that
15 is excluded from public disclosure pursuant to this sub-
16 section shall still be compiled and reported to the Commit-
17 tees of Congress described in subsection (a)(4) on a con-
18 fidential basis.”.

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