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To track applications to locate or modify communications facilities on Federal real property, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KINZINGER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committees on Oversight and Government Reform, and Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Streamlining and Ex-
5 pediting Approval for Communications Technologies Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. TRACKING OF APPLICATIONS TO LOCATE OR MOD-**
2 **IFY COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES ON FED-**
3 **ERAL REAL PROPERTY.**

4 (a) TRACKING BY SENIOR REAL PROPERTY OFFI-
5 CERS.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—For the first fiscal year that
7 begins more than 1 year after the date of the enact-
8 ment of this Act, and each fiscal year thereafter, the
9 Senior Real Property Officer of a covered agency
10 shall track applications to locate or modify commu-
11 nications facilities on covered assets of such agency.

12 (2) INFORMATION INCLUDED.—The tracking
13 required by paragraph (1) shall include tracking
14 of—

15 (A) the number of applications described
16 in such paragraph that are—

- 17 (i) received;
18 (ii) approved; and
19 (iii) denied;

20 (B) in the case of an application described
21 in such paragraph that is denied, the reasons
22 for the denial;

23 (C) the amount of time between the receipt
24 of an application described in such paragraph
25 and the issuance of a final decision on such ap-
26 plication;

1 (D) in the case of an application described
2 in such paragraph with respect to which the
3 agency is not in compliance with a deadline for
4 action that is imposed by statute or regulation
5 or has not achieved a performance goal included
6 in a performance plan of the agency under sec-
7 tion 1115(b) of title 31, United States Code,
8 the reasons for the delay; and

9 (E) the cost to the agency of considering
10 applications described in such paragraph.

11 (3) REPORTS.—

12 (A) FROM SRPOS TO NTIA.—Not later than
13 90 days after the end of each fiscal year for
14 which the Senior Real Property Officer of a
15 covered agency is required under paragraph (1)
16 to track applications described in such para-
17 graph, the Senior Real Property Officer shall
18 submit to the Assistant Secretary a report on
19 the tracking of such applications during such
20 fiscal year that includes the information de-
21 scribed in paragraph (2).

22 (B) FROM NTIA TO CONGRESS.—Not later
23 than 180 days after the end of each fiscal year
24 for which the Senior Real Property Officer of a
25 covered agency is required under paragraph (1)

1 to track applications described in such para-
2 graph, the Assistant Secretary shall submit to
3 the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the
4 House of Representatives and the Committee
5 on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of
6 the Senate a report that contains—

7 (i) the information described in para-
8 graph (2) that was contained in each re-
9 port submitted by a Senior Real Property
10 Officer under subparagraph (A) for the fis-
11 cal year;

12 (ii) an analysis of the speed and effi-
13 ciency of the consideration by each covered
14 agency of such applications during the fis-
15 cal year; and

16 (iii) any recommendations on how to
17 improve the process of considering such
18 applications that the Assistant Secretary
19 considers appropriate.

20 (4) RESPONSE TO INQUIRIES.—Beginning on
21 the first day of the first fiscal year for which the
22 Senior Real Property Officer of a covered agency is
23 required under paragraph (1) to track applications
24 described in such paragraph, the Senior Real Prop-
25 erty Officer shall respond to an inquiry about the

1 status of such an application from the applicant not
2 later than 7 days after the date on which the Senior
3 Real Property Officer receives the inquiry.

4 (b) INCLUSION OF GOALS IN AGENCY PERFORMANCE
5 PLANS.—Beginning with the first performance plan that
6 the head of a covered agency is required to make available
7 under section 1115(b) of title 31, United States Code,
8 after the date that is 60 days after the date of the enact-
9 ment of this Act, the head of the agency shall include in
10 such plan performance goals for the speed and efficiency
11 of the consideration by the agency of applications de-
12 scribed in subsection (a)(1).

13 (c) COVERED AGENCY DEFINED.—In this section,
14 the term “covered agency” means an agency for which a
15 Senior Real Property Officer is designated under Execu-
16 tive Order 13327 (69 Fed. Reg. 5895).

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