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H. R. 1067

To streamline the process for consideration of applications for the placement of communications facilities on certain buildings and other property owned by the Federal Government, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 15, 2021

Mr. PALMER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on 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 “Standard Fees to Ex-
5 pedite Evaluation and Streamlining Act” or the “Stand-
6 ard FEES Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMON FEDERAL FEE**
2 **SCHEDULE.**

3 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 6409 of the Middle Class
4 Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 (47 U.S.C.
5 1455) is amended—

6 (1) by redesignating subsection (d) as sub-
7 section (e); and

8 (2) by inserting after subsection (c) the fol-
9 lowing:

10 “(d) **COMMON FEE SCHEDULE.**—

11 “(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Notwithstanding any other
12 provision of law, the Administrator of General Serv-
13 ices shall establish a common fee schedule for the
14 processing of applications under subsections (b)(1)
15 and (c).

16 “(2) **FEE GUIDELINES.**—The application fees
17 established under paragraph (1) shall be—

18 “(A) based on direct and actual cost recov-
19 ery; and

20 “(B) competitively neutral with regard to
21 other users of the building or other property
22 owned by the Federal Government.

23 “(3) **EXCEPTIONS.**—The Administrator of Gen-
24 eral Services may establish competitively neutral ex-
25 ceptions to the fee amounts established under para-
26 graph (1)—

1 “(A) in consideration of the public benefit
2 provided by a grant of an easement, right-of-
3 way, or lease; and

4 “(B) in the interest of expanding wireless
5 and broadband coverage.

6 “(4) USE OF FEES COLLECTED.—Any fee col-
7 lected by an executive agency under this section
8 shall only be available to the extent, and in such
9 amounts, as are provided in advance in appropria-
10 tion Acts, to the agency to cover the costs of grant-
11 ing the easement, right-of-way, or lease.”.

12 (b) DEADLINE.—The Administrator of General Serv-
13 ices shall establish the fee schedule required under section
14 6409(d) of the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation
15 Act of 2012 (47 U.S.C. 1455(d)), as added by subsection
16 (a), not later than 30 days after the date of enactment
17 of this Act.

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