

114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1506

To direct the Federal Communications Commission to promulgate rules in an open proceeding with respect to updating its competitive bidding rules.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 19, 2015

Mr. PALLONE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 “Small Business Access
5 to Spectrum Act of 2015”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

8 (1) Small businesses create almost half of the
9 Nation’s private-sector jobs, including 43 percent of
10 high-tech jobs.

1 (2) Wireless services and technology are in-
2 creasingly driving innovation, investment, and eco-
3 nomic growth.

4 (3) Consumers benefit from additional choices
5 provided by competition from multiple mobile wire-
6 less providers, including small mobile wireless pro-
7 viders.

8 (4) Recognizing that the wireless marketplace is
9 a capital-intensive industry, Congress charges the
10 Federal Communications Commission with devel-
11 oping rules to help small businesses and encourage
12 competition in spectrum-based services.

13 (5) The Commission last comprehensively up-
14 dated its competitive bidding rules in 2006.

15 (6) The upcoming broadcast television spectrum
16 incentive auction offers a once-in-a-generation oppor-
17 tunity to access the spectrum most useful for wire-
18 less broadband.

19 **SEC. 3. FCC RULEMAKING.**

20 Not later than 90 days after the date of the enact-
21 ment of this Act, the Federal Communications Commis-
22 sion shall promulgate rules in WT Docket No. 14–170.

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