

118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 820

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) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120 days after the
9 date of the enactment of this Act, the Commission shall
10 publish on the internet website of the Commission a list
11 of each entity—

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

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

16 (B) the Act of May 27, 1921 (47 U.S.C.
17 34 et seq.; commonly known as the “Cable
18 Landing Licensing Act”) and Executive Order
19 10530 (3 U.S.C. 301 note; relating to the per-
20 formance of certain functions vested in or sub-
21 ject to the approval of the President); and

22 (2) with respect to which—

23 (A) a covered entity holds an equity or vot-
24 ing interest that is required to be reported to
25 the Commission under the ownership rules of
26 the Commission; or

1 (B) an appropriate national security agen-
2 cy has determined that a covered entity exerts
3 control, regardless of whether such covered enti-
4 ty holds an equity or voting interest as de-
5 scribed in subparagraph (A).

6 (b) RULEMAKING.—

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

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

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

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

24 (c) PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT EXEMPTION.—A
25 collection of information conducted or sponsored by the

1 Commission to implement this section does not constitute
2 a collection of information for the purposes of subchapter
3 I of chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code (commonly
4 referred to as the “Paperwork Reduction Act”).

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

9 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

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

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

17 (3) COVERED COUNTRY.—The term “covered
18 country” means a country specified in section
19 4872(d)(2) of title 10, United States Code.

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

22 (A) the government of a covered country;

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

1 (C) a subsidiary or affiliate of an entity
2 described in subparagraph (B), regardless of
3 whether the subsidiary or affiliate is organized
4 under the laws of a covered country.

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Attest:

Clerk.

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