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To assign the Office of Strategic Planning and Policy Analysis of the Federal Communications Commission the responsibility of bringing institutional focus to the important function of approving new technologies and improving regulatory certainty at the Commission.

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Mrs. FISCHER 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 “Helping Innovation
5 and Reviving Entrepreneurship Act of 2014” or the
6 “HIRE Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. NEW TECHNOLOGIES AND SERVICES.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 7 of the Communications
3 Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 157) is amended by adding at
4 the end the following:

5 “(c) OFFICE OF STRATEGIC PLANNING AND POLICY
6 ANALYSIS.—

7 “(1) DEFINITION.—In this subsection, the term
8 ‘Office’ means the Office of Strategic Planning and
9 Policy Analysis of the Commission.

10 “(2) DUTIES RELATING TO NEW TECH-
11 NOLOGIES AND SERVICES.—The Office shall—

12 “(A) take steps to ensure that the Com-
13 mission complies with each deadline under sub-
14 section (b);

15 “(B) review each regulation proposed by
16 the Commission and analyze the impact of the
17 regulation on innovation, economic growth, and
18 job creation; and

19 “(C) perform any other duty assigned by
20 the Commission.

21 “(3) STAFFING.—

22 “(A) CONSULTATION WITH STAFF.—The
23 Office shall consult with staff from the fol-
24 lowing offices and bureaus of the Commission
25 as necessary to carry out the duties of the Of-
26 fice under paragraph (2):

1 “(i) The Office of Engineering and
2 Technology.

3 “(ii) The Office of Communications
4 Business Opportunities.

5 “(iii) Any other office or bureau the
6 Office determines appropriate.

7 “(B) NO INCREASE IN NUMBER OF FULL-
8 TIME EMPLOYEES.—Nothing in subparagraph
9 (A) shall be construed to authorize the Commis-
10 sion to increase the total full-time equivalent
11 number of employees of the Commission to pro-
12 vide consultation to the Office.

13 “(d) REPORT ON DEADLINES.—If the Commission
14 fails to comply with a deadline under subsection (b) with
15 respect to a petition, application, or proceeding, not later
16 than 7 days after the deadline and every 14 days there-
17 after until the Commission complies with the deadline, the
18 Commission shall publish and submit to the chairperson
19 and ranking member of the Committee on Energy and
20 Commerce of the House of Representatives and the chair-
21 person and ranking member of the Committee on Com-
22 merce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate a letter
23 that—

24 “(1) identifies the petition, application, or pro-
25 ceeding;

1 “(2) specifies the deadline; and

2 “(3) describes the reason for the delay.”.

3 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICABILITY; NO ADDI-
4 TIONAL APPROPRIATIONS.—

5 (1) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made
6 by subsection (a) shall take effect on the date that
7 is 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act.

8 (2) APPLICABILITY.—

9 (A) IN GENERAL.—The requirements
10 under subsections (c) and (d) of section 7 of the
11 Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 157),
12 as added by subsection (a), shall apply with re-
13 spect to any petition or application that is filed,
14 any proceeding that is initiated, and any regu-
15 lation that is proposed, on or after the effective
16 date described in paragraph (1) of this sub-
17 section.

18 (B) PENDING PETITIONS, APPLICATIONS,
19 AND PROCEEDINGS.—The requirements under
20 subsections (c) and (d) of section 7 of the Com-
21 munications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 157), as
22 added by subsection (a), shall apply with re-
23 spect to any petition, application, or proceeding
24 that is pending on the effective date described
25 in paragraph (1) of this subsection as if the pe-

1 tition or application had been filed, or the pro-
2 ceeding had been initiated, on that date.

3 (3) NO ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS AUTHOR-
4 IZED.—Nothing in this section or the amendment
5 made by this section shall be construed to increase
6 the amount of appropriations that are authorized to
7 be appropriated to the Federal Communications
8 Commission for any fiscal year.

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