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H. R. 6604

To amend the National Telecommunications and Information Administration Organization Act to establish a Commerce Spectrum Management Advisory Committee.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRIFFITH 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 “Commerce Spectrum
5 Coordination Act of 2020”.

6 **SEC. 2. COMMERCE SPECTRUM MANAGEMENT ADVISORY**
7 **COMMITTEE.**

8 Part A of the National Telecommunications and In-
9 formation Administration Organization Act (47 U.S.C.

1 901 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
2 lowing:

3 **“SEC. 106 COMMERCE SPECTRUM MANAGEMENT ADVISORY**
4 **COMMITTEE.**

5 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established within
6 NTIA a Commerce Spectrum Management Advisory Com-
7 mittee (referred to in this section as the ‘CSMAC’).

8 “(b) DUTIES.—The CSMAC shall advise and make
9 recommendations to the Assistant Secretary with respect
10 to—

11 “(1) developing and maintaining spectrum man-
12 agement policies that enable the United States to
13 maintain or strengthen its global leadership role in
14 the introduction of innovative communications tech-
15 nologies and services, including those that enable the
16 United States to support the needs of homeland se-
17 curity, national defense, and other critical missions
18 of the Federal Government;

19 “(2) objectives that advance spectrum-based in-
20 novation, including—

21 “(A) facilitating access to mobile
22 broadband internet access service;

23 “(B) space-based services; and

24 “(C) other emerging technologies;

1 “(3) fostering increased spectrum sharing
2 among all users;

3 “(4) promoting innovation and rapid advances
4 in technology that support the more efficient use of
5 spectrum;

6 “(5) authorizing radio systems and frequencies
7 in a way that maximizes the benefits to the public;

8 “(6) establishing a long-range spectrum plan-
9 ning process and identify international opportunities
10 to advance the economic interests of the United
11 States through spectrum management;

12 “(7) how best to leverage radio frequency-re-
13 lated research, development, and testing and evalua-
14 tion efforts;

15 “(8) ways to foster more efficient and innova-
16 tive uses of electromagnetic spectrum resources
17 across the Federal Government, subject to and con-
18 sistent with the needs and missions of Federal agen-
19 cies;

20 “(9) new issues associated with spectrum shar-
21 ing, including harmful interference and associated
22 enforcement challenges; and

23 “(10) developing balanced policies that promote
24 both licensed and unlicensed access to spectrum.

25 “(c) MEMBERS.—

1 “(1) COMPOSITION OF COMMITTEE.—The
2 CSMAC shall be composed of not less than 5 but
3 not more than 30 members appointed by the Assist-
4 ant Secretary that provide a balanced representation
5 of—

6 “(A) non-Federal spectrum users;

7 “(B) State government and local govern-
8 ment;

9 “(C) technology developers and manufac-
10 turers;

11 “(D) academia;

12 “(E) civil society; and

13 “(F) providers of mobile broadband inter-
14 net access service with customers in both do-
15 mestic and international markets.

16 “(2) APPOINTMENTS.—

17 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Assistant Sec-
18 retary shall appoint members to the CSMAC
19 for up to a two-year term. Members may be re-
20 appointed for additional terms by the Assistant
21 Secretary.

22 “(B) REMOVAL.—Each member appointed
23 under subparagraph (A) shall serve on the
24 CSMAC at the pleasure and discretion of the
25 Assistant Secretary.

1 “(3) CHAIR.—The Assistant Secretary shall ap-
2 point one or more members from among those ap-
3 pointed to the CSMAC to serve as Chair or Co-
4 Chairs of the CSMAC. The Chair, or Co-Chairs, as
5 the case may be, shall serve at the pleasure and dis-
6 cretion of the Assistant Secretary.

7 “(4) VACANCY.—A vacancy on the CSMAC
8 shall be filled in the manner in which the original
9 appointment was made and the member so ap-
10 pointed shall serve for the remainder of the term.

11 “(5) COMPENSATION.—The members of the
12 CSMAC shall serve without compensation.

13 “(6) LIMITATION.—No member of the CSMAC
14 shall be a registered lobbyist under the Lobbying
15 Disclosure Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.).

16 “(d) SUBCOMMITTEES.—The Assistant Secretary
17 may approve the creation of subcommittees, working
18 groups, standing committees, ad hoc groups, task groups,
19 or other subgroups as the Assistant Secretary determines
20 necessary for the performance of the duties described
21 under subsection (b). Any subgroup established shall re-
22 port to the CSMAC and may not provide advice or work
23 products directly to the Assistant Secretary.

24 “(e) TERMINATION OF CSMAC.—Notwithstanding
25 section 14 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5

1 U.S.C. App.), the CSMAC shall terminate on December
2 31, 2028.”.

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