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To facilitate the continued development of the commercial remote sensing industry and protect national security.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. BRIDENSTINE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Commercial Remote Sensing Act of 2015”.

SEC. 2. ANNUAL REPORTING.

(a) In general.—Subchapter III of chapter 601 of title 51, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:
§ 60126. Annual reporting

The Secretary shall provide a report to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of the Commercial Remote Sensing Act of 2015 and annually thereafter on—

“(1) the Secretary’s implementation of section 60121, including—

“(A) a list of all applications received in the previous calendar year;

“(B) a list of all applications approved;

“(C) a list of all applications denied;

“(D) a list of all applications that required additional information; and

“(E) a list of all applications whose disposition exceeded the 120 day deadline established in section 60121(c), the total days overdue for applications that exceeded such deadline, and an explanation for the delay;

“(2) all notifications and information provided to the Secretary pursuant to section 60122; and

“(3) all actions taken by the Secretary under the administrative authority granted by section 60123(a)(4), (5), and (6).”.

May 7, 2015 (6:52 p.m.)
SEC. 3. STATUTORY UPDATE REPORT.

Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary, in consultation with other appropriate Federal agencies and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s Advisory Committee on Commercial Remote Sensing, shall report to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate on statutory updates necessary to protect national security, protect the United States industrial base, and reflect the current state of the art of remote sensing systems, instruments, or technologies.