

Public Law 109–34
109th Congress

An Act

To amend the Communications Satellite Act of 1962 to strike the privatization criteria for INTELSAT separated entities, remove certain restrictions on separated and successor entities to INTELSAT, and for other purposes.

July 12, 2005

[S. 1282]

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

SECTION 1. FINANCIAL INTERESTS OF OFFICERS, MANAGERS, OR DIRECTORS.

Section 621(5)(D) of the Communications Satellite Act of 1962 (47 U.S.C. 763(5)(D)) is amended—

- (1) by striking “(I)” in clause (ii);
- (2) by striking “signatories, or (II)” in clause (ii) and all that follows through “mechanism;” and inserting “signatories; and”;
- (3) by striking “organization; and” in clause (iii) and inserting “organization.”; and
- (4) by striking clause (iv).

SEC. 2. CRITERIA FOR INTELSAT SEPARATED ENTITIES.

Subtitle B of title VI of the Communications Satellite Act of 1962 (47 U.S.C. 763 et seq.) is amended by striking section 623 (47 U.S.C. 763b).

SEC. 3. PRESERVATION OF SPACE SEGMENT CAPACITY OF THE GMDSS.

Section 624 of the Communications Satellite Act of 1962 (47 U.S.C. 763c) is amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 624. SPACE SEGMENT CAPACITY OF THE GMDSS.

“The United States shall preserve the space segment capacity of the GMDSS. This section is not intended to alter the status that the GMDSS would otherwise have under United States laws and regulations of the International Telecommunication Union with respect to spectrum, orbital locations, or other operational parameters, or to be a barrier to competition for the provision of GMDSS services.”.

SEC. 4. SATELLITE SERVICE REPORT.

47 USC 703.

(a) ANNUAL REPORT.—The Federal Communications Commission shall review competitive market conditions with respect to domestic and international satellite communications services and shall include in an annual report an analysis of those conditions. The Commission shall transmit a copy of the report to the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation and the House of Representatives Committee on Energy and Commerce.

(b) CONTENT.—The Commission shall include in the report—

(1) an identification of the number and market share of competitors in domestic and international satellite markets;

(2) an analysis of whether there is effective competition in the market for domestic and international satellite services; and

(3) a list of any foreign nations in which legal or regulatory practices restrict access to the market for satellite services in such nation in a manner that undermines competition or favors a particular competitor or set of competitors.

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