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S. 3504

To provide technical corrections to the Technology Administration Act of 1998, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. SALAZAR 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 “Space Commerce Act
5 of 2008”.

6 **SEC. 2. RENAMING OFFICE OF SPACE COMMERCIALIZA-**
7 **TION AS OFFICE OF SPACE COMMERCE.**

8 Section 8 of the Technology Administration Act of
9 1998 (15 U.S.C. 1511e) is amended—

1 (1) in the heading, by striking “**OFFICE OF**
2 **SPACE COMMERCIALIZATION**” and inserting
3 “**OFFICE OF SPACE COMMERCE**”; and

4 (2) in subsection (a), by striking “Office of
5 Space Commercialization” and inserting “Office of
6 Space Commerce”.

7 **SEC. 3. MODIFICATION OF FUNCTIONS OF OFFICE OF**
8 **SPACE COMMERCE.**

9 Section 8(c) of the Technology Administration Act of
10 1998 (15 U.S.C. 1511e(c)) is amended to read as follows:

11 “(c) FUNCTIONS.—The Office shall be the principal
12 unit for space commerce policy activities within the De-
13 partment of Commerce. The functions of the Office are
14 as follows:

15 “(1) To foster the conditions for the economic
16 growth and technological advancement of the space
17 commerce industry of the United States.

18 “(2) To coordinate space commerce policy
19 issues and actions within the Department.

20 “(3) To represent the Department in the devel-
21 opment of United States policies and in negotiations
22 with foreign countries to promote United States
23 space commerce.

24 “(4) To promote, in cooperation with relevant
25 interagency working groups, the advancement of

1 United States geospatial technologies related to
2 space commerce.

3 “(5) To provide support to the United States
4 entities established pursuant to National Security
5 Presidential Directive—39, U.S. Space-Based Posi-
6 tioning, Navigation, and Timing Policy, dated De-
7 cember 15, 2004, including the following:

8 “(A) The National Executive Committee
9 for Space-Based Positioning, Navigation, and
10 Timing.

11 “(B) The National Coordination Office for
12 Space-Based Positioning, Navigation, and Tim-
13 ing.

14 “(C) The National Space-Based Posi-
15 tioning, Navigation, and Timing Advisory
16 Board.

17 “(D) Any successor organization, to the
18 extent that such successor organization per-
19 forms the same functions as an entity described
20 in subparagraphs (A) through (C).”.

21 **SEC. 4. REPORT.**

22 Not later than 180 days after the date of the enact-
23 ment of this Act, the Secretary of Commerce shall submit
24 to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transpor-
25 tation of the Senate and the Committee on Science and

1 Technology of the House of Representatives a report on
2 the competitiveness of the United States space commerce
3 industry, including a review of—

4 (1) bi-lateral and multi-lateral trade issues;

5 (2) the use of commercially available position,
6 navigation, and timing services by the United States
7 Government; and

8 (3) the use of other commercially available sat-
9 ellite data services by the United States Govern-
10 ment.

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