

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 909

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to telecommunications; creating the Secure Telecommunications Act of 2025; providing short title; stating legislative intent; defining terms; prohibiting certain critical telecommunications infrastructure equipment; requiring removal and replacement of certain prohibited equipment; stating that removal, discontinuation, or replacement of prohibited equipment shall not require additional permits provided certain conditions are met; requiring the filing of certain form; requiring payment of certain registration fee by certain date and then annually; requiring registration prior to providing service; authorizing Corporation Commission to prescribe certain registration form; requiring provider furnish certain person's contact information; requiring payment of registration fee at time of submission of certain form; authorizing Commission to set certain fee; limiting amount of fee; requiring certain information be kept current; requiring certain notification if information changes; requiring certain annual certification; providing for administrative fines for certain violations; providing that failure to comply shall result in forfeiture of certain funds; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

1 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
2 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 146.1 of Title 17, unless there  
3 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

4 This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Secure  
5 Telecommunications Act of 2025".

6 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
7 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 146.2 of Title 17, unless there  
8 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

9 As used in this act:

10 1. "Critical telecommunications infrastructure" shall mean all  
11 physical broadband infrastructure and equipment which supports the  
12 transmission of information of a user's choosing, regardless of the  
13 transmission medium or technology employed that connects to a  
14 network which permits the end user to engage in communications  
15 including, but not limited to, service provided directly to:

- 16 a. the public, or
- 17 b. such classes of users as to be effectively available  
18 directly to the public;

19 2. "Federally banned corporation" shall mean any company or  
20 designated equipment currently banned or at any point hereto banned  
21 at the federal level. This shall include, but not be limited to,  
22 bans resulting from the following federal agencies and acts:

- 23 a. the Federal Communications Commission including, but  
24 not limited to, any equipment or service deemed to

1 pose a threat to national security identified on the  
2 Covered List developed pursuant to 47 C.F.R., Section  
3 1.50002, as such act existed July 1, 2024, and  
4 published by the Public Safety and Homeland Security  
5 Bureau of the Federal Communications Commission  
6 pursuant to the federal Secure and Trusted  
7 Communications Networks Act of 2019, 47 U.S.C.,  
8 Section 1601 et seq., as such act existed on July 1,  
9 2024,

- 10 b. the U.S. Department of Commerce,
- 11 c. the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency,
- 12 d. the Federal Acquisition Security Council, and
- 13 e. Section 889 of the John S. McCain National Defense  
14 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 [Pub. L. 115-  
15 232];

16 3. "Foreign adversary" shall mean any country designated by the  
17 United States Secretary of State as hostile or a Country of  
18 Particular Concern (CPC); and

19 4. "Telecommunications provider" shall mean any corporation,  
20 public or private, which operates any system which supports the  
21 transmission of information of a user's choosing regardless of the  
22 transmission medium or technology employed that connects to a  
23 network which permits the end user to engage in communications  
24 including, but not limited to, service provided directly to:

1 a. the public, or

2 b. such classes of users as to be effectively available  
3 directly to the public.

4 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
5 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 146.3 of Title 17, unless there  
6 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

7 A. All critical telecommunications infrastructure located  
8 within or serving this state shall not utilize any equipment  
9 manufactured by a federally banned corporation, nor any equipment  
10 banned at the federal level.

11 B. All critical telecommunications infrastructure located  
12 within or serving this state shall not utilize any equipment  
13 manufactured in or by, including any equipment whose critical or  
14 necessary components are manufactured in or by a foreign adversary,  
15 a state-owned enterprise of a foreign adversary, or a company  
16 domiciled within a foreign adversary.

17 C. All critical telecommunications infrastructure in operation  
18 within or serving this state, to include any critical  
19 telecommunications infrastructure which is not permanently disabled,  
20 shall have all equipment prohibited by subsection A or B of this  
21 section removed and replaced with equipment which is not prohibited  
22 by subsection A or B of this section. Any telecommunications  
23 provider that removes, discontinues, or replaces any prohibited  
24 telecommunications equipment or service shall not be required to

1 obtain any additional permits from any state agency or political  
2 subdivision for the removal, discontinuance, or replacement of such  
3 communications equipment or service as long as the state agency or  
4 political subdivision is properly notified of the necessary  
5 replacements and the replacement communications equipment is similar  
6 to the existing communications equipment.

7 SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
8 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 146.4 of Title 17, unless there  
9 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

10 A. Any telecommunications provider providing service in this  
11 state shall file a registration form with and pay a registration fee  
12 to the Corporation Commission by September 1, 2025, and then on  
13 January 1 of each year henceforth. Any communications provider  
14 shall register with the Commission prior to providing service. The  
15 Commission shall prescribe the registration form to be filed  
16 pursuant to this section.

17 B. A telecommunications provider shall provide the Commission  
18 with the name, address, telephone number, and email address of a  
19 person with managerial responsibility for the provider's operations  
20 within this state.

21 C. A telecommunications provider shall:

22 1. Submit a registration fee at the time the registration form  
23 is submitted. The Commission shall set the fee in an amount  
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1 sufficient to cover the costs of administering the registration  
2 process, but such fee shall not exceed Fifty Dollars (\$50.00);

3 2. Keep the information required by this section current and  
4 notify the Commission of any changes to such information within  
5 sixty (60) days after the change; and

6 3. Certify to the Commission by January 1 each year that all  
7 critical telecommunications equipment and infrastructure within its  
8 operation does not use or provide any communications equipment or  
9 service prohibited pursuant to Section 3 of this act.

10 D. The Commission shall administratively fine any  
11 telecommunications provider which violates this section with a fine  
12 no less than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) per day and no  
13 greater than One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) per day of  
14 noncompliance.

15 E. The Commission shall administratively fine any  
16 telecommunications provider which knowingly submits a false  
17 registration form described in this section with a fine no less than  
18 Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) per day and no greater than One  
19 Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) per day of noncompliance.

20 F. Any telecommunications provider that fails to comply with  
21 this section is prohibited from receiving any state or local funds  
22 for the development or support of new or existing critical  
23 telecommunications infrastructure, including the Oklahoma Universal  
24 Service Fund, and is prohibited from receiving any federal funds

1 subject to distribution by state or local governments for the  
2 development or support of new or existing critical  
3 telecommunications infrastructure.

4 SECTION 5. This act shall become effective July 1, 2025.

5 SECTION 6. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
6 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby  
7 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
8 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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