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# H. R. 8851

To amend title 51, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Transportation to establish an electronic processing portal for licenses and other approvals related to commercial space launch activities, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 15, 2026

Mr. HARIDOPOLOS (for himself and Mr. WHITESIDES) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology

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## 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 “One Giant Licensing  
5 Electronic Application Portal Act” or the “One Giant  
6 LEAP Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ELECTRONIC PROCESSING PORTAL FOR LICENSES**  
2 **AND OTHER APPROVALS RELATED TO COM-**  
3 **MERCIAL SPACE LAUNCH ACTIVITIES.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 509 of title 51, United  
5 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
6 lowing new section:

7 **“§ 50925. Electronic processing portal for licenses**  
8 **and other approvals related to commer-**  
9 **cial space launch activities**

10 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than one year  
11 after the date of the enactment of this section, the Sec-  
12 retary of Transportation shall establish an electronic sys-  
13 tem (in this section referred to as the ‘Portal’) for proc-  
14 essing applications and carrying out other secretarial  
15 functions with respect to licenses and other approvals  
16 under this chapter.

17 “(b) FUNCTIONS.—The Portal shall facilitate the fol-  
18 lowing functions:

19 “(1) Submitting and modifying an application  
20 referred to in subsection (a).

21 “(2) Logging communications regarding an ap-  
22 plication, license, or other approval under this chap-  
23 ter, between any of the following:

24 “(A) The Secretary of Transportation.

25 “(B) Each applicant for, and each recipi-  
26 ent of, such approval.

1           “(C) Each head of a Federal department  
2           or agency consulted pursuant to section 50918.

3           “(3) Managing the submission of, and access  
4           to, documentation relating to such approval.

5           “(4) Making secretarial determinations with re-  
6           spect to such application.

7           “(5) Displaying to the Secretary and the rel-  
8           evant applicant information relating to the following:

9           “(A) The following dates, as applicable:

10           “(i) The date on which pre-application  
11           consulting began.

12           “(ii) The date such applicant sub-  
13           mitted such application.

14           “(iii) The date on which the Secretary  
15           accepted or rejected such application.

16           “(iv) Each date on which such appli-  
17           cant requested a modification to such ap-  
18           plication.

19           “(v) Each date on which the Secretary  
20           so modified such application.

21           “(vi) If the Secretary consults with  
22           the head of another Federal department or  
23           agency regarding such application pursu-  
24           ant to section 50918, the following:

1                   “(I) The date on which such con-  
2                   sultation begins.

3                   “(II) The date on which such  
4                   consultation ends.

5                   “(vii) The date on which either of the  
6                   following occur:

7                   “(I) The Secretary carries out  
8                   the function for which such applicant  
9                   submitted such application.

10                  “(II) The Secretary denies such  
11                  application.

12                  “(B) The number of days between the date  
13                  referred to in clause (i) of subparagraph (A)  
14                  and the date referred to in subclause (vii) of  
15                  such subparagraph.

16                  “(C) The number of days between the date  
17                  referred to in clause (ii) of such subparagraph  
18                  and the date referred to in subclause (vii) of  
19                  such subparagraph.

20                  “(D) The status of such application.

21                  “(6) Displaying to the public information relat-  
22                  ing to the following:

23                  “(A) The following dates, as applicable:

24                  “(i) The date such applicant sub-  
25                  mitted such application.

1                   “(ii) The date on which the Secretary  
2                   accepted or rejected such application.

3                   “(iii) Each date on which such appli-  
4                   cant requested a modification to such ap-  
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6                   “(iv) Each date on which the Sec-  
7                   retary so modified such application.

8                   “(v) The date on which either of the  
9                   following occur:

10                           “(I) The Secretary carries out  
11                           the function for which such applicant  
12                           submitted such application.

13                           “(II) The Secretary denies such  
14                           application.

15                           “(B) The status of such application.”.

16           (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
17 for chapter 509 of title 51, United States Code, is amend-  
18 ed by adding at the end the following new item:

“50925. Electronic processing portal for licenses and other approvals related to  
commercial space launch activities.”.

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