

DRAFT BILL

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, that this Act may be cited as the “Act to Streamline the Nuclear Regulatory Commission’s Licensing Process and Administrative Efficiency”.

SEC. 2. HEARINGS UNDER ATOMIC ENERGY ACT OF 1954.

(a) Section 189 a.(1)(A) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (42 U.S.C. 2239(a)(1)(A)) is amended by--

(1) in the second sentence--

- (i) deleting that portion of the sentence that begins with “The Commission” and ends with “Federal Register, on” and inserting “On”;
- (ii) inserting “or an operating license” after “construction permit” each time “construction permit” is used in the sentence; and
- (iii) deleting the period at the end of the sentence; and

(2) in the third sentence--

- (i) deleting that portion of the sentence that begins with “In cases” and ends with “such a hearing”;
- (ii) deleting “therefor” and inserting “for a hearing”; and
- (iii) deleting “issue an operating license” and inserting “issue a construction permit, an operating license,”.

(b) Section 189 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (42 U.S.C. 2239) is further amended by--

(1) in the second sentence of subsection a.(2)(A) (42 U.S.C. 2239(a)(2)(A)), deleting “required hearing” and inserting “hearing held by the Commission under this section”; and

(2) in subsection b. (42 U.S.C. 2239(b)), revising paragraph (2) by deleting “to begin operating” and inserting “to operate”.

(c) The first sentence of subsection b. of section 185 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (42 U.S.C. 2235(b)) is amended by deleting “After holding a public hearing under section 189 a.(1)(A),” and inserting “After holding a hearing under section 189 a.(1)(A), or if the Commission has determined that no hearing is required to be held under section 189 a.(1)(A),”.

(d) Section 193(b) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (42 U.S.C. 2243(b)) is amended by—

(1) in paragraph (1), deleting “on the record with regard to the licensing of the construction and operation of a uranium enrichment facility under sections 53 and 63” and inserting “, if a person whose interest may be affected by the construction and operation of a uranium enrichment facility under sections 53 and 63 has requested a hearing regarding the licensing of the construction and operation of the facility”; and

(2) in paragraph (2), deleting “Such hearing” and inserting, “If a hearing is held under paragraph (1), the hearing”.

(e) The amendments in this section shall apply to all applications and proceedings pending before the Commission on or after the date of enactment of this section.

SEC. 3 REPORT ON EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM.

Section 209(c) of the Energy Reorganization Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5849(c)) is amended by deleting “semiannual public meetings” and inserting “an annual public meeting”.

SEC. 4. CIVIL MONETARY PENALTIES.

The first sentence of section 234 a. of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (42 U.S.C. 2282(a)) is amended by—

(1) inserting “(including a contractor or subcontractor of a licensee or certificate holder of the Commission or of an applicant for a Commission license or certificate)” after “Any person”; and

(2) striking “any licensing or certification provision of section 53, 57, 62, 63, 81, 82, 101, 103, 104, 107, 109, or 1701” and inserting: “any Commission regulatory requirement issued pursuant to or contained in this Act or section 133, 137, 180, or 218(a) of the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982 (42 U.S.C. 10101 *et seq.*)”.

SEC. 5. ENHANCED FINGERPRINTING REQUIREMENTS.

Section 149 a.(1) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (42 U.S.C. 2169) is amended by adding the following new subparagraph after subparagraph (B):

“(C) In addition to the foregoing fingerprinting requirements of this paragraph, the Commission may require an individual or entity described in subparagraph (A)(ii) to fingerprint—

“(i) any individual who has been designated by the individual or entity described in subparagraph A(ii) (or by a contractor or subcontractor of such individual or entity) to determine the trustworthiness and reliability of an individual who is required to be fingerprinted under subparagraph (B).”

“(ii) any individual who is in the employ of the individual or entity described in subparagraph (A)(ii) (or a contractor or subcontractor of such individual or entity) and who has authority relating to provision of unescorted

access to a facility, radioactive material, or other property described in subparagraph (B)(i);" or

"(iii) any individual who is, or holds a position equivalent to, the principal operating officer, or alternate principal operating officer, of the individual or entity described in subparagraph (A)(ii)."