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To provide for certain humanoid and quadruped robotics communications equipment or services to be placed on the covered list of the Federal Communications Commission, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. MOOLENAAR introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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 “Guarding the U.S.
5 against Adversarial Robotics Dominance Act of 2026” or
6 the “GUARD Act of 2026”.

1 **SEC. 2. ANALYSIS OF CERTAIN HUMANOID OR QUADRUPED**
2 **ROBOTICS COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT**
3 **OR SERVICES.**

4 (a) **EVALUATION OF COVERED ROBOTICS COMMU-**
5 **NICATIONS EQUIPMENT OR SERVICES.—**

6 (1) **PLACEMENT ON COVERED LIST.—**Except as
7 provided in paragraph (2), not later than 1 year
8 after the date of the enactment of this Act, an ap-
9 propriate national security agency shall determine if
10 covered robotics communications equipment or serv-
11 ices pose an unacceptable risk to the national secu-
12 rity of the United States or the security and safety
13 of United states persons.

14 (2) **EXCEPTION.—**Paragraph (1) does not apply
15 with respect to any covered robotics communications
16 equipment or service that an appropriate national
17 security agency determines, not later than 1 year
18 after the date of the enactment of this Act, does not
19 pose an unacceptable risk to the national security of
20 the United States or the security and safety of
21 United States persons.

22 (3) **ADDITION TO COVERED LIST.—**If the ap-
23 propriate national security agency does not make a
24 determination as required by paragraph (1) within 1
25 year after the enactment of this Act, the Commis-

1 sion shall add all covered robotics communications
2 equipment or services to the covered list.

3 (b) EFFECT OF OTHER DETERMINATIONS.—

4 (1) DETERMINED TO POSE UNACCEPTABLE
5 RISK.—Not later than 30 days after an appropriate
6 national security agency determines that any covered
7 robotics communications equipment or service poses
8 an unacceptable risk to the national security of the
9 United States or the security and safety of United
10 States persons—

11 (A) the Commission shall place such cov-
12 ered robotics communications equipment or
13 service on the covered list; and

14 (B) the appropriate national security agen-
15 cy shall submit to the appropriate congressional
16 committees a report on the determination of
17 such agency, which shall be submitted in un-
18 classified form but may contain a classified
19 annex.

20 (2) DETERMINED NOT TO POSE UNACCEPTABLE
21 RISK.—If an appropriate national security agency
22 determines that any covered robotics communica-
23 tions equipment or service does not pose an unac-
24 ceptable risk to the national security of the United

1 States or the security and safety of United States
2 persons—

3 (A) not later than 30 days after the deter-
4 mination, such agency shall submit to the ap-
5 propriate congressional committees and all
6 other appropriate national security agencies a
7 report on the determination, which shall be sub-
8 mitted in unclassified form but may contain a
9 classified annex; and

10 (B) not later than 180 days after the de-
11 termination, all other appropriate national secu-
12 rity agencies shall review the determination and
13 shall submit to the appropriate congressional
14 committees a report on the respective deter-
15 minations of such agencies, which shall be sub-
16 mitted in unclassified form but may contain a
17 classified annex.

18 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

19 (1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
20 TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-
21 mittees” means—

22 (A) the Committee on Armed Services, the
23 Committee on Homeland Security and Govern-
24 mental Affairs, the Committee on Commerce,

1 Science, and Transportation, and the Select
2 Committee on Intelligence of the Senate; and

3 (B) the Committee on Armed Services, the
4 Committee on Homeland Security, the Com-
5 mittee on Energy and Commerce, and the Per-
6 manent Select Committee on Intelligence of the
7 House of Representatives.

8 (2) APPROPRIATE NATIONAL SECURITY AGEN-
9 CY.—The term “appropriate national security agen-
10 cy” has the meaning given such term in section 9
11 of the Secure and Trusted Communications Net-
12 works Act of 2019 (47 U.S.C. 1608).

13 (3) COMMISSION.—The term “Commission”
14 means the Federal Communications Commission.

15 (4) COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT OR SERV-
16 ICES.—The term “communications equipment or
17 services” has the meaning given such term in section
18 9 of the Secure and Trusted Communications Net-
19 works Act of 2019 (47 U.S.C. 1608).

20 (5) COUNTRY OF CONCERN.—The term “coun-
21 try of concern” has the meaning given such term in
22 section 1(m)(1) of the State Department Basic Au-
23 thorities Act of 1956 (22 U.S.C. 2651a(m)(1)).

24 (6) COVERED FOREIGN ENTITY.—The term
25 “covered foreign entity” means—

1 (A) an entity that—

2 (i) is headquartered in, has its prin-
3 cipal place of business in, or is organized
4 under the laws of a country of concern; or

5 (ii) is subject to the influence, direc-
6 tion, or control of the government of a
7 country of concern;

8 (B) an affiliate or wholly or partially
9 owned subsidiary of an entity described in sub-
10 paragraph (A);

11 (C) an entity in a joint venture with an en-
12 tity described in subparagraph (A); and

13 (D) an entity with which an entity de-
14 scribed in subparagraph (A) has a technology
15 sharing or licensing agreement.

16 (7) COVERED LIST.—The term “covered list”
17 means the list of covered communications equipment
18 or services published by the Commission under sec-
19 tion 2(a) of the Secure and Trusted Communica-
20 tions Networks Act of 2019 (47 U.S.C. 1601(a)).

21 (8) COVERED ROBOTICS COMMUNICATIONS
22 EQUIPMENT OR SERVICE.—The term “covered robot-
23 ics communications equipment or service” means
24 any humanoid or quadruped robot, or software de-
25 signed to control such robot that is a communica-

1 tions equipment or services produced or provided by
2 a covered foreign entity.

3 (9) HUMANOID OR QUADRUPED ROBOT.—The
4 term “humanoid or quadruped robot” means—

5 (A) a mechanical device that—

6 (i) possesses a body structure that
7 uses 2 or 4 articulated limbs for loco-
8 motion, navigation, or movement on the
9 ground;

10 (ii) operates at a distance from a
11 human operator or supervisor auto-
12 mously, semi-autonomously, based on com-
13 mands or response to sensor data or any
14 combination thereof; and

15 (B) any external device designed to control
16 a mechanical device described in subparagraph
17 (A).

18 (d) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
19 tion shall be construed to apply to any country that is
20 not a country of concern, including a North Atlantic Trea-
21 ty Organization (NATO) ally and a Major Non-NATO
22 Ally.