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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. SCOTT of Florida (for himself, Ms. ERNST, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. JUSTICE, Mr. SHEEHY, and Mrs. BRITT) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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 “Permitting Trans-
5 parency and Accountability Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PERMIT APPLICATION STATUS.**

7 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 (1) AGENCY.—The term “agency” has the
2 meaning given the term in section 551 of title 5,
3 United States Code.

4 (2) COVERED AGENCY.—The term “covered
5 agency” means an agency that issues permits.

6 (3) PERMIT.—The term “permit” has the
7 meaning given the term “license” in section 551 of
8 title 5, United States Code.

9 (4) REVIEWING AGENCY.—The term “reviewing
10 agency” means an agency that, with respect to a
11 permit—

12 (A) does not issue the permit; and

13 (B)(i) reviews the application for the per-
14 mit; or

15 (ii) engages in any step of the process re-
16 lating to the issuance of the permit.

17 (b) REQUIREMENT.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—The head of each covered
19 agency shall include on the website of the covered
20 agency a webpage that displays information relating
21 to the status of an application for a permit issued
22 by the covered agency.

23 (2) REQUIRED INFORMATION.—The informa-
24 tion included on a webpage developed under para-

1 graph (1) shall include, with respect to an applica-
2 tion for a permit issued by a covered agency—

3 (A) a description of the stages completed
4 by the covered agency or any reviewing agency
5 in the application review process;

6 (B) the duration in number of days of each
7 stage described in subparagraph (A);

8 (C) the status of the application, including
9 the duration in number of days the application
10 has remained at the current stage of the appli-
11 cation review process;

12 (D) contact information for each individual
13 reviewing the application within the covered
14 agency or any reviewing agency;

15 (E) a description of the stages in the appli-
16 cation review process required to be completed
17 before the covered agency makes a determina-
18 tion with respect to the application; and

19 (F) an estimated timeline for a determina-
20 tion with respect to the application.