

A BILL

To abolish the Department of Commerce and its sub-agencies.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Department of Commerce Abolishment Act".

SECTION 2. ABOLISHMENT.

(a) In General.—Effective 180 days after enactment, the Department of Commerce (established under the Act of February 14, 1903 (32 Stat. 825; chapter 552)) and all its sub-agencies, including the Bureau of the Census, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Institute of Standards and Technology, United States Patent and Trademark Office, Bureau of Economic Analysis, Bureau of Industry and Security, Economic Development Administration, International Trade Administration, Minority Business Development Agency, and National Telecommunications and Information Administration, are abolished.

SECTION 3. TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS AND ASSETS.

(a) Plan.—Within 90 days of enactment, the President shall submit to Congress a plan to transfer essential functions to other Federal agencies (e.g., Interior, Treasury, State) or terminate them.

(b) Assets and Liabilities.—Assets shall transfer per the plan or revert to the Treasury; liabilities shall be assumed by the United States.

SECTION 4. PERSONNEL.

Employment terminates on the effective date, except for personnel transferred under the plan, subject to civil service laws.

SECTION 5. REPEALS AND AMENDMENTS.

(a) Repeals.—The Act of February 14, 1903, and inconsistent laws are repealed.

(b) Amendments.—Within 90 days, the Office of Management and Budget shall propose conforming amendments to Congress.

SECTION 6. SAVINGS PROVISIONS.

Pending proceedings, contracts, and obligations continue under successor entities.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Act takes effect on enactment, except as provided.