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117TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 4564

To amend the Federal Trade Commission Act to require the Federal Trade Commission to publish on the website of the Commission documents to be voted on by the Commission, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. GUTHRIE 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 “Federal Trade Com-
5 mission Transparency Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PUBLICATION OF DOCUMENTS IN ADVANCE OF FTC**
2 **VOTING.**

3 (a) AMENDMENT.—Section 18 of the Federal Trade
4 Commission Act (15 U.S.C. 57a) is amended by inserting
5 at the end the following new subsection:

6 “(k)(1) The Commission may not adopt any order,
7 decision, report, or action by vote of the Commission at
8 a meeting of the Commission, unless the Chairman causes
9 to be published on the website of the Commission the text
10 of such order, decision, report, or action not later than
11 30 days before the date on which the vote is to occur,
12 except when the Chairman determines that emergency or
13 other exigent circumstances require publication less than
14 30 days before the date on which the vote is to occur.

15 “(2) The text published pursuant to paragraph
16 (1) shall be the text intended at the time of the pub-
17 lishing to be subject to a vote. Nothing in this sub-
18 section may be construed to prevent the Commission
19 from making changes to the text after the pub-
20 lishing.

21 “(3) If the Chairman determines that publica-
22 tion of all or a portion of an order, decision, report,
23 or action is likely to lead to a result described in a
24 paragraph of section 552b(c) of title 5, United
25 States Code, the Chairman may exempt such order,
26 decision, report, or action, or such portion, as the

1 case may be, from the publication requirements of
2 this subsection.

3 “(4) This subsection does not—

4 “(A) create any rights or remedies; or

5 “(B) provide a basis for challenging any
6 order, decision, report, or action adopted by the
7 Commission.”.

8 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
9 this section shall apply beginning on the date that is 90
10 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.