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To promote the non-exclusive use of electronic labeling for devices licensed
by the Federal Communications Commission.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 22, 2014

Mr. Latta (for himself, Mr. Welch, Mrs. Blackburn, and Ms. Eshoo) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union,
and ordered to be printed

A BILL

To promote the non-exclusive use of electronic labeling for devices licensed by the Federal Communications Commission.

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 “Enhance Labeling, Ac-
5 cessing, and Branding of Electronic Licenses Act of 2014”
6 or the “E-LABEL Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

8 Congress finds the following:

9 (1) The Federal Communications Commission
10 (referred to in this section as the “Commission”)
11 first standardized physical labels for licensed prod-
12 ucts such as computers, phones, and other electronic
13 devices in 1973, and the Commission has continually
14 refined physical label requirements over time.

15 (2) As devices become smaller, compliance with
16 physical label requirements can become more dif-
17 ficult and costly.

18 (3) Many manufacturers and consumers of li-
19 censed devices in the United States would prefer to
20 have the option to provide or receive important Com-
21 mission labeling information digitally on the screen
22 of the device, at the discretion of the user.

23 (4) An electronic labeling option would give
24 flexibility to manufacturers in meeting labeling re-
25 quirements.

1 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION FOR FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS**
2 **COMMISSION TO ALLOW ELECTRONIC LABEL-**
3 **ING.**

4 Title VII of the Communications Act of 1934 (47
5 U.S.C. 601 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the
6 following:

7 **“SEC. 720. OPTIONAL ELECTRONIC LABELING OF COMMU-**
8 **NICATIONS EQUIPMENT.**

9 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

10 “(1) the term ‘electronic labeling’ means dis-
11 playing required labeling and regulatory information
12 electronically; and

13 “(2) the term ‘radiofrequency device with dis-
14 play’ means any equipment or device that—

15 “(A) is required under regulations of the
16 Commission to be authorized by the Commis-
17 sion before the equipment or device may be
18 marketed or sold within the United States; and

19 “(B) has the capability to digitally display
20 required labeling and regulatory information.

21 “(b) REQUIREMENT TO PROMULGATE REGULATIONS
22 FOR ELECTRONIC LABELING.—Not later than 9 months
23 after the date of enactment of the Enhance Labeling, Ac-
24 cessing, and Branding of Electronic Licenses Act of 2014,
25 the Commission shall promulgate regulations or take other
26 appropriate action, as necessary, to allow manufacturers

1 of radiofrequency devices with display the option to use
2 electronic labeling for the equipment in place of affixing
3 physical labels to the equipment.”.

4 **SEC. 4. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

5 The amendment made by section 3 shall not be con-
6 strued to affect the authority of the Federal Communica-
7 tions Commission under section 302 of the Communica-
8 tions Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 302a) to provide for elec-
9 tronic labeling of devices.