

Suspend the Rules and Pass the Bill, H.R. 6435, With an Amendment

(The amendment strikes all after the enacting clause and inserts a new text)

116TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 6435

To direct the Federal Trade Commission to develop and disseminate information to the public about scams related to COVID-19, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 3, 2020

Mr. CARTER of Georgia (for himself, Mr. HUDSON, Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire, and Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

To direct the Federal Trade Commission to develop and disseminate information to the public about scams related to COVID-19, and for other purposes.

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 “Combating Pandemic
5 Scams Act of 2020”.

1 **SEC. 2. INFORMATION ABOUT SCAMS RELATED TO COVID-**

2 **19.**

3 (a) DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—As expeditiously as possible
5 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
6 Commission, in consultation with the Attorney Gen-
7 eral, the Secretary of Health and Human Services,
8 the Postmaster General, the Chief Postal Inspector,
9 and the Internet Crime Complaint Center, shall de-
10 velop and disseminate information to the public
11 about scams related to the novel coronavirus
12 (COVID-19).

13 (2) REQUIREMENTS.—In carrying out para-
14 graph (1), the Commission shall—

15 (A) include—

16 (i) information regarding mail, tele-
17 marketing, and internet fraud and illegal
18 robocalls related to COVID-19 that identi-
19 fies the most common scams; and

20 (ii) information regarding where and
21 how to report instances of scams related to
22 COVID-19, including instructions on how
23 to file a complaint with the appropriate
24 law enforcement agency;

25 (B) disseminate information under such
26 paragraph in a manner that prioritizes, and

1 that is easily accessible by and user-friendly to,
2 senior citizens and people with infirmities and
3 disabilities;

4 (C) disseminate information under such
5 paragraph on an internet website of the Com-
6 mission that serves as a source of information
7 for the public about scams related to COVID-
8 19; and

9 (D) regularly update the information devel-
10 oped and disseminated under such paragraph to
11 keep pace with the changing nature of scams
12 related to COVID-19.

13 (b) DATABASE.—As expeditiously as possible after
14 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Commission
15 shall, in consultation with State law enforcement agencies,
16 the Director of the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protec-
17 tion, the Attorney General, the Secretary of Health and
18 Human Services, and other relevant Federal officials, es-
19 tablish a comprehensive national database, either within
20 or separate from the Consumer Sentinel Network, that
21 tracks instances of scams related to COVID-19.

22 (c) COMMISSION DEFINED.—In this section, the term
23 “Commission” means the Federal Trade Commission.

1 **SEC. 3. DETERMINATION OF BUDGETARY EFFECTS.**

2 The budgetary effects of this Act, for the purpose of
3 complying with the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010,
4 shall be determined by reference to the latest statement
5 titled “Budgetary Effects of PAYGO Legislation” for this
6 Act, submitted for printing in the Congressional Record
7 by the Chairman of the House Budget Committee, pro-
8 vided that such statement has been submitted prior to the
9 vote on passage.