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H. R. 2669

To amend the Communications Act of 1934 to expand and clarify the prohibition on provision of inaccurate caller identification information, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. MENG (for herself, Mr. BARTON, and Mr. LANCE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 “Anti-Spoofing Act of
5 2015”.

6 **SEC. 2. EXPANDING AND CLARIFYING PROHIBITION ON IN-**
7 **ACCURATE CALLER ID INFORMATION.**

8 (a) COMMUNICATIONS FROM OUTSIDE UNITED
9 STATES.—Section 227(e)(1) of the Communications Act

1 of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 227(e)(1)) is amended by inserting
2 “or any person outside the United States if the recipient
3 is within the United States,” after “United States,”.

4 (b) TEXT MESSAGING SERVICE.—Section 227(e)(8)
5 of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 227(e)(8))
6 is amended—

7 (1) in subparagraph (A), by inserting “(includ-
8 ing a text message sent using a text messaging serv-
9 ice)” before the period at the end;

10 (2) in the first sentence of subparagraph (B),
11 by inserting “(including a text message sent using a
12 text messaging service)” before the period at the
13 end; and

14 (3) by adding at the end the following:

15 “(D) TEXT MESSAGE.—The term ‘text
16 message’ means a real-time or near real-time
17 message consisting of text, images, sounds, or
18 other information that is transmitted from or
19 received by a device that is identified as the
20 transmitting or receiving device by means of a
21 telephone number. Such term—

22 “(i) includes a short message service
23 (SMS) message, an enhanced message
24 service (EMS) message, and a multimedia
25 message service (MMS) message; and

1 “(ii) does not include a real-time, two-
2 way voice or video communication.

3 “(E) TEXT MESSAGING SERVICE.—The
4 term ‘text messaging service’ means a service
5 that permits the transmission or receipt of a
6 text message, including a service provided as
7 part of or in connection with a telecommuni-
8 cations service or an IP-enabled voice service.”.

9 (c) COVERAGE OF OUTGOING-CALL-ONLY IP-EN-
10 ABLED VOICE SERVICE.—Section 227(e)(8)(C) of the
11 Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 227(e)(8)(C)) is
12 amended by striking “has the meaning” and all that fol-
13 lows and inserting “means the provision of real-time voice
14 communications offered to the public, or such class of
15 users as to be effectively available to the public, trans-
16 mitted using Internet protocol, or a successor protocol,
17 (whether part of a bundle of services or separately) with
18 interconnection capability such that the service can origi-
19 nate traffic to, or terminate traffic from, the public
20 switched telephone network, or a successor network.”.

21 (d) REGULATIONS.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 227(e)(3)(A) of the
23 Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C.
24 227(e)(3)(A)) is amended by striking “Not later
25 than 6 months after the date of enactment of the

1 Truth in Caller ID Act of 2009, the Commission”
2 and inserting “The Commission”.

3 (2) DEADLINE.—The Federal Communications
4 Commission shall prescribe regulations to implement
5 the amendments made by this section not later than
6 18 months after the date of the enactment of this
7 Act.

8 (e) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
9 this section shall take effect on the date that is 6 months
10 after the date on which the Federal Communications Com-
11 mission prescribes regulations to implement the amend-
12 ments made by this section.

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