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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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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 “Anti-Spoofing Act of 2015”.

SEC. 2. EXPANDING AND CLARIFYING PROHIBITION ON INACCURATE CALLER ID INFORMATION.

(a) COMMUNICATIONS FROM OUTSIDE UNITED STATES.—Section 227(e)(1) of the Communications Act
of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 227(e)(1)) is amended by inserting “or any person outside the United States if the recipient is within the United States,” after “United States,”.

(b) Text Messaging Service.—Section 227(e)(8) of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 227(e)(8)) is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (A), by inserting “(including a text message sent using a text messaging service)” before the period at the end;

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

(3) by adding at the end the following:

“(D) Text Message.—The term ‘text message’ means a real-time or near real-time message consisting of text, images, sounds, or other information that is transmitted from or received by a device that is identified as the transmitting or receiving device by means of a telephone number. Such term—

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

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

“(E) Text Messaging Service.—The term ‘text messaging service’ means a service that permits the transmission or receipt of a text message, including a service provided as part of or in connection with a telecommunications service or an IP-enabled voice service.”.

(e) Coverage of Outgoing-Call-Only IP-Enabled Voice Service.—Section 227(e)(8)(C) of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 227(e)(8)(C)) is amended by striking “has the meaning” and all that follows and inserting “means the provision of real-time voice communications offered to the public, or such class of users as to be effectively available to the public, transmitted using Internet protocol, or a successor protocol, (whether part of a bundle of services or separately) with interconnection capability such that the service can originate traffic to, or terminate traffic from, the public switched telephone network, or a successor network.”.

(d) Regulations.—

(1) In general.—Section 227(e)(3)(A) of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 227(e)(3)(A)) is amended by striking “Not later than 6 months after the date of enactment of the
Truth in Caller ID Act of 2009, the Commission” and inserting “The Commission”.

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

(e) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall take effect on the date that is 6 months after the date on which the Federal Communications Commission prescribes regulations to implement the amendments made by this section.