

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 3375
OFFERED BY MS. CLARKE OF NEW YORK

Page 21, after line 11, insert the following (and re-designate succeeding provisions accordingly):

1 SEC. 9. PROTECTION FROM ONE-RING SCAMS.

2 (a) INITIATION OF PROCEEDING.—Not later than
3 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
4 Commission shall initiate a proceeding to protect called
5 parties from one-ring scams.

6 (b) MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED.—As part of the
7 proceeding required by subsection (a), the Commission
8 shall consider how the Commission can—

9 (1) work with Federal and State law enforce-
10 ment agencies to address one-ring scams;

11 (2) work with the governments of foreign coun-
12 tries to address one-ring scams;

13 (3) in consultation with the Federal Trade
14 Commission, better educate consumers about how to
15 avoid one-ring scams;

16 (4) incentivize voice service providers to stop
17 calls made to perpetrate one-ring scams from being
18 received by called parties, including consideration of
19 adding identified one-ring scam type numbers to the

1 Commission's existing list of permissible categories
2 for carrier-initiated blocking;

3 (5) work with entities that provide call-blocking
4 services to address one-ring scams; and

5 (6) establish obligations on international gate-
6 way providers that are the first point of entry for
7 these calls into the United States, including poten-
8 tial requirements that such providers verify with the
9 foreign originator the nature or purpose of calls be-
10 fore initiating service.

11 (c) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 1 year
12 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Commis-
13 sion shall publish on its website and submit to the Com-
14 mittee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Rep-
15 resentatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science,
16 and Transportation of the Senate a report on the status
17 of the proceeding required by subsection (a).

18 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

19 (1) ONE-RING SCAM.—The term “one-ring
20 scam” means a scam in which a caller makes a call
21 and allows the call to ring the called party for a
22 short duration, in order to prompt the called party
23 to return the call, thereby subjecting the called party
24 to charges.

1 (2) STATE.—The term “State” has the mean-
2 ing given such term in section 3 of the Communica-
3 tions Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 153).

4 (3) VOICE SERVICE.—The term “voice service”
5 has the meaning given such term in section
6 227(e)(8) of the Communications Act of 1934 (47
7 U.S.C. 227(e)(8)). This paragraph shall apply before
8 the effective date of the amendment made to such
9 section by subparagraph (C) of section 503(a)(2) of
10 division P of the Consolidated Appropriations Act,
11 2018 (Public Law 115–141) as if such amendment
12 was already in effect.

