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H. R. 2621

To amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to consumer product protection.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. HART (for herself and Ms. BALDWIN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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 “Consumer Product
5 Protection Act of 2001”.

6 **SEC. 2. UNAUTHORIZED PLACEMENT OF WRITING WITH A**
7 **CONSUMER PRODUCT.**

8 (a) Section 1365 of title 18, United States Code, is
9 amended—

1 (1) by redesignating subsections (f) and (g) as
2 (g) and (h) respectively;

3 (2) by inserting after subsection (e) the fol-
4 lowing new subsection:

5 “(f)(1) Whoever knowingly stamps, prints, places, or
6 inserts any writing in or on any consumer product that
7 affects interstate or foreign commerce, or the box, pack-
8 age, or other container of any such product, prior to its
9 sale to any consumer, shall be fined under this title or
10 imprisoned not more than three years, or both.

11 “(2) This subsection shall not apply in any case in
12 which the manufacturer, retailer, or distributor of the
13 product in the due course of business consents to the
14 stamping, printing, placing, or inserting of a writing for
15 promotional or sales purposes.”; and

16 (3) in subsection (h) (as redesignated by para-
17 graph (1))—

18 (A) in paragraph (3)(D), by striking
19 “and”;

20 (B) in paragraph (4), by striking the pe-
21 riod and inserting “; and”; and

22 (C) by adding after paragraph (4) the fol-
23 lowing:

24 “(5) the term ‘writing’ means any form of rep-
25 resentation or communication (including handbills,

1 notices, or advertising) that contains letters, words,
2 graphic, or pictorial representations.”.

3 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Sections 2261A
4 and 2332b(g)(3) of title 18, United States Code, are each
5 amended by striking “1365(g)(3)” and inserting “1365”.

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