

Union Calendar No. 290107TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION**H. R. 2621****[Report No. 107-485]**

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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 25, 2001

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

MAY 23, 2002

Additional sponsors: Mr. SMITH of Michigan, Mr. PITTS, Mr. SCHAFFER, Mr. JONES of North Carolina, Mr. PENCE, Mr. HOSTETTLER, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Mr. TANCREDO, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. WELDON of Florida, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. HILLEARY, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. HERGER, Mr. SHADEGG, Mr. AKIN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. KUCINICH, Mr. WU, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. BLUMENAUER, and Mr. HASTINGS of Florida

MAY 23, 2002

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italics]

A BILL

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

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—

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

12 (2) by inserting after subsection (e) the fol-
13 lowing new subsection:

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

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

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

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

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

7 (C) by adding after paragraph (4) the fol-
8 lowing:

9 “(5) the term ‘writing’ means any form of rep-
10 resentation or communication (including handbills,
11 notices, or advertising) that contains letters, words,
12 graphic, or pictorial representations.”.

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

16 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

17 *This Act may be cited as the “Consumer Product Pro-
18 tection Act of 2002”.*

19 **SEC. 2. UNAUTHORIZED PLACEMENT OF WRITING WITH A**
20 **CONSUMER PRODUCT.**

21 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—Section 1365 of title 18, United
22 States Code, is amended—

23 (1) *by redesignating subsections (f) and (g) as*
24 *(g) and (h) respectively;*

1 (2) *by inserting after subsection (e) the following*
2 *new subsection:*

3 “(f)(1) *Whoever knowingly stamps, prints, places, or*
4 *inserts any writing in or on any consumer product that*
5 *affects interstate or foreign commerce, or the box, package,*
6 *or other container of any such product, prior to its sale*
7 *to any consumer, shall be fined under this title or impris-*
8 *oned not more than one year, or both.*

9 “(2) *This subsection shall not apply in any case in*
10 *which the manufacturer, retailer, or distributor of the prod-*
11 *uct in the due course of business consents to the stamping,*
12 *printing, placing, or inserting of a writing.”; and*

13 (3) *in subsection (h) (as redesignated by para-*
14 *graph (1))—*

15 (A) *in paragraph (3)(D), by striking*
16 *“and”;*

17 (B) *in paragraph (4), by striking the period*
18 *and inserting “; and”;* and

19 (C) *by adding after paragraph (4) the fol-*
20 *lowing:*

21 “(5) *the term ‘writing’ means any form of rep-*
22 *resentation or communication (including handbills,*
23 *notices, or advertising) that contains letters, words,*
24 *graphic, or pictorial representations.”.*

1 **(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.**—*Section 2332b(g)(3)*
2 *of title 18, United States Code, is amended by striking*
3 *“1365(g)(3)” and inserting “1365”.*

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