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# H. R. 5161

To promote the non-exclusive use of electronic labeling for devices licensed  
by the Federal Communications Commission.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 22, 2014

Mr. LATTA (for himself, Mr. WELCH, Mrs. BLACKBURN, and Ms. ESHOO) in-  
troduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on En-  
ergy and Commerce

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## A BILL

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devices licensed by the Federal Communications Commission.

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 “Enhance Labeling, Ac-  
5 censing, and Branding of Electronic Licenses Act of 2014”  
6 or the “E-LABEL Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

8 Congress finds the following:

9 (1) The Federal Communications Commission  
10 (referred to in this section as the “Commission”)

1 first standardized physical labels for licensed prod-  
2 ucts such as computers, phones, and other electronic  
3 devices in 1973, and the Commission has continually  
4 refined physical label requirements over time.

5 (2) As devices become smaller, compliance with  
6 physical label requirements can become more dif-  
7 ficult and costly.

8 (3) Many manufacturers and consumers of li-  
9 censed devices in the United States would prefer to  
10 have the option to provide or receive important Com-  
11 mission labeling information digitally on the screen  
12 of the device, at the discretion of the user.

13 (4) An electronic labeling option would give  
14 flexibility to manufacturers in meeting labeling re-  
15 quirements.

16 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION FOR FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS**

17 **COMMISSION TO ALLOW ELECTRONIC LABEL-**  
18 **ING.**

19 Title VII of the Communications Act of 1934 (47  
20 U.S.C. 601 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the  
21 following:

22 **“SEC. 720. OPTIONAL ELECTRONIC LABELING OF COMMU-**  
23 **NICATIONS EQUIPMENT.**

24 **“(a) DEFINITIONS.—**In this section—

1           “(1) the term ‘electronic labeling’ means dis-  
2           playing required labeling and regulatory information  
3           electronically; and

4           “(2) the term ‘radiofrequency device with dis-  
5           play’ means any equipment or device that—

6                   “(A) is required under regulations of the  
7           Commission to be authorized by the Commis-  
8           sion before the equipment or device may be  
9           marketed or sold within the United States; and

10                   “(B) has the capability to digitally display  
11           required labeling and regulatory information.

12           “(b) REQUIREMENT TO PROMULGATE REGULATIONS  
13 FOR ELECTRONIC LABELING.—Not later than 9 months  
14 after the date of enactment of the Enhance Labeling, Ac-  
15 ccessing, and Branding of Electronic Licenses Act of 2014,  
16 the Commission shall promulgate regulations or take other  
17 appropriate action, as necessary, to allow manufacturers  
18 of radiofrequency devices with display the option to use  
19 electronic labeling for the equipment in place of affixing  
20 physical labels to the equipment.”.

21 **SEC. 4. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

22           The amendment made by section 3 shall not be con-  
23 strued to affect the authority of the Federal Communica-  
24 tions Commission under section 302 of the Communica-

1 tions Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 302a) to provide for elec-  
2 tronic labeling of devices.

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