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# S. 2787

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. BLUNT) introduced the following bill;  
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce,  
Science, and Transportation

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## A BILL

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ID information.

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 “Caller ID Scam Pre-  
5 vention Act of 2014”.

6 **SEC. 2. EXPANDING AND CLARIFYING PROHIBITION ON IN-**  
7 **ACCURATE CALLER ID INFORMATION.**

8 (a) COMMUNICATIONS FROM OUTSIDE UNITED  
9 STATES.—Section 227(e)(1) of the Communications Act  
10 of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 227(e)(1)) is amended by inserting

1 “or any person outside the United States if the recipient  
2 is within the United States,” after “United States,”.

3 (b) TEXT MESSAGING SERVICE.—Section 227(e)(8)  
4 of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 227(e)(8))  
5 is amended—

6 (1) in subparagraph (A), by inserting “(includ-  
7 ing a text message sent using a text messaging serv-  
8 ice)” before the period at the end;

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

13 (3) by adding at the end the following:

14 “(D) TEXT MESSAGE.—The term ‘text  
15 message’—

16 “(i) means a real-time or near real-  
17 time message consisting of text, images,  
18 sounds, or other information that is trans-  
19 mitted from or received by a device that is  
20 identified as the transmitting or receiving  
21 device by means of a telephone number;

22 “(ii) includes a short message service  
23 (commonly referred to as ‘SMS’) message,  
24 an enhanced message service (commonly  
25 referred to as ‘EMS’) message, and a

1 multimedia message service (commonly re-  
2 ferred to as ‘MMS’) message; and

3 “(iii) does not include a real-time, 2-  
4 way voice or video communication.

5 “(E) TEXT MESSAGING SERVICE.—The  
6 term ‘text messaging service’ means a service  
7 that permits the transmission or receipt of a  
8 text message, including a service provided as  
9 part of or in connection with a telecommuni-  
10 cations service or an IP-enabled voice service.”.

11 (c) COVERAGE OF OUTGOING-CALL-ONLY IP-EN-  
12 ABLED VOICE SERVICE.—Section 227(e)(8)(C) of the  
13 Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 227(e)(8)(C)) is  
14 amended by striking “has the meaning” and all that fol-  
15 lows and inserting “means the provision of real-time voice  
16 communications offered to the public, or such class of  
17 users as to be effectively available to the public, trans-  
18 mitted using Internet protocol, or a successor protocol,  
19 (whether part of a bundle of services or separately) with  
20 interconnection capability such that the service can origi-  
21 nate traffic to, or terminate traffic from, the public  
22 switched telephone network, or a successor network.”.

23 (d) REGULATIONS.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 227(e)(3)(A) of the  
25 Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C.

1       227(e)(3)(A)) is amended by striking “Not later  
2       than 6 months after the date of enactment of the  
3       Truth in Caller ID Act of 2009, the Commission”  
4       and inserting “The Commission”.

5           (2) DEADLINE.—Not later than 18 months  
6       after the date of enactment of this Act, the Federal  
7       Communications Commission shall prescribe regula-  
8       tions to implement the amendments made by this  
9       section.

10       (e) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
11       this section shall take effect on the date that is 6 months  
12       after the date on which the Federal Communications Com-  
13       mission prescribes regulations to implement the amend-  
14       ments made by this section.

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