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S. 2787

To expand and clarify the prohibition on inaccurate caller ID information.

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

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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