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Ms. SCHAKOWSKY (for herself, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. RUSH, Mr. TONKO, Mr. WELCH, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. SARBANES, and Mr. BUTTERFIELD) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 “Secure and Protect
5 Americans’ Data Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REQUIREMENTS FOR INFORMATION SECURITY.**

2 (a) GENERAL SECURITY POLICIES AND PROCE-
3 DURES.—

4 (1) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 1 year after
5 the date of enactment of this Act, the Commission
6 shall promulgate regulations under section 553 of
7 title 5, United States Code, to require each covered
8 entity to establish and implement reasonable policies
9 and procedures regarding information security prac-
10 tices for the treatment and protection of personal in-
11 formation taking into consideration—

12 (A) the size of, and the nature, scope, and
13 complexity of the activities engaged in by such
14 covered entity;

15 (B) the sensitivity of any personal informa-
16 tion at issue;

17 (C) the current state of the art in adminis-
18 trative, technical, and physical safeguards for
19 protecting such information; and

20 (D) the cost of implementing such safe-
21 guards.

22 (2) REQUIREMENTS.—Such regulations shall
23 require the policies and procedures to include the
24 following:

1 (A) A written security policy with respect
2 to the collection, use, sale, other dissemination,
3 and maintenance of such personal information.

4 (B) The identification of an officer or
5 other individual as the point of contact with re-
6 sponsibility for the management of information
7 security.

8 (C) A process for identifying and assessing
9 any reasonably foreseeable vulnerabilities in the
10 system or systems maintained by such covered
11 entity that contains such data, which shall in-
12 clude regular monitoring for a breach of secu-
13 rity of such system or systems.

14 (D) A process for taking preventive and
15 corrective action to mitigate against any
16 vulnerabilities identified in the process required
17 by subparagraph (C), which may include imple-
18 menting any changes to security practices and
19 the architecture, installation, or implementation
20 of network or operating software, and for regu-
21 larly testing or otherwise monitoring the effec-
22 tiveness of the safeguards' key controls, sys-
23 tems, and procedures.

24 (E) A process for disposing of data con-
25 taining personal information by shredding, per-

1 manently erasing, or otherwise modifying the
2 personal information contained in such data to
3 make such personal information permanently
4 unreadable or undecipherable.

5 (F) A process for overseeing persons to
6 whom personal information is disclosed, or who
7 have access to Internet-connected devices, by—

8 (i) taking reasonable steps to select
9 and retain persons that are capable of
10 maintaining appropriate safeguards for the
11 personal information or Internet-connected
12 devices at issue; and

13 (ii) requiring all such persons to im-
14 plement and maintain such security meas-
15 ures.

16 (G) A process for employee training and
17 supervision for implementation of the policies
18 and procedures required by this subsection.

19 (3) PERIODIC ASSESSMENT AND CONSUMER
20 PRIVACY AND DATA SECURITY MODERNIZATION.—

21 Not less than every 12 months, each covered entity
22 shall monitor, evaluate, and adjust, as appropriate,
23 the consumer privacy and data security program of
24 such covered entity in light of any relevant changes
25 in—

1 (A) technology;

2 (B) internal or external threats and
3 vulnerabilities to personal information; and

4 (C) the changing business arrangements of
5 the covered entity, such as—

6 (i) mergers and acquisitions;

7 (ii) alliances and joint ventures;

8 (iii) outsourcing arrangements;

9 (iv) bankruptcy; and

10 (v) changes to personal information
11 systems.

12 (4) TREATMENT OF ENTITIES GOVERNED BY
13 OTHER FEDERAL LAW.—Any covered entity who is
14 in compliance with any other Federal law that re-
15 quires such covered entity to maintain standards
16 and safeguards for information security and protec-
17 tion of personal information that, taken as a whole
18 and as the Commission shall determine in the rule-
19 making required under this subsection, requires cov-
20 ered entities to provide protections substantially
21 similar to, or greater than, those required under this
22 subsection, shall be deemed to be in compliance with
23 this subsection.

24 (b) SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR INFORMATION
25 BROKERS.—

1 (1) SUBMISSION OF POLICIES TO THE FTC.—

2 The regulations promulgated under subsection (a)
3 shall require each information broker to submit its
4 security policies to the Commission in conjunction
5 with a notification of a breach of security under sec-
6 tion 3 or upon request of the Commission.

7 (2) POST-BREACH AUDIT.—For any information
8 broker required to provide notification under section
9 3, the Commission may conduct audits of the infor-
10 mation security practices of such information broker,
11 or require the information broker to conduct inde-
12 pendent audits of such practices (by an independent
13 auditor who has not audited such information bro-
14 ker's security practices during the preceding 5
15 years).

16 (3) ACCURACY OF AND INDIVIDUAL ACCESS TO
17 PERSONAL INFORMATION.—

18 (A) ACCURACY.—

19 (i) IN GENERAL.—Each information
20 broker shall establish reasonable proce-
21 dures to assure the maximum possible ac-
22 curacy of the personal information the in-
23 formation broker collects, assembles, or
24 maintains, and any other information the
25 information broker collects, assembles, or

1 maintains that specifically identifies an in-
2 dividual, other than information which
3 merely identifies an individual's name or
4 address.

5 (ii) LIMITED EXCEPTION FOR FRAUD
6 DATABASES.—The requirement in clause
7 (i) shall not prevent the collection or main-
8 tenance of information that may be inac-
9 curate with respect to a particular indi-
10 vidual when that information is being col-
11 lected or maintained solely—

12 (I) for the purpose of indicating
13 whether there may be a discrepancy
14 or irregularity in the personal infor-
15 mation that is associated with an indi-
16 vidual; and

17 (II) to help identify, or authen-
18 ticate the identity of, an individual, or
19 to protect against or investigate fraud
20 or other unlawful conduct.

21 (B) CONSUMER ACCESS TO INFORMA-
22 TION.—Each information broker shall—

23 (i) provide to each individual whose
24 personal information the information
25 broker maintains, at the individual's re-

1 quest at least once per year and at no cost
2 to the individual, and after verifying the
3 identity of such individual, a means for the
4 individual to review any personal informa-
5 tion regarding such individual maintained
6 by the information broker and any other
7 information maintained by the information
8 broker that specifically identifies such indi-
9 vidual, other than information which mere-
10 ly identifies an individual's name or ad-
11 dress; and

12 (ii) place a conspicuous notice on the
13 Internet website of the information broker
14 (if the information broker maintains such
15 a website) instructing individuals how to
16 request access to the information required
17 to be provided under clause (i), and, as ap-
18 plicable, how to express a preference with
19 respect to the use of personal information
20 for marketing purposes under subpara-
21 graph (D).

22 (C) DISPUTED INFORMATION.—Whenever
23 an individual whose information the information
24 broker maintains makes a written request dis-
25 puting the accuracy of any such information,

1 the information broker, after verifying the iden-
2 tity of the individual making such request and
3 unless there are reasonable grounds to believe
4 such request is frivolous or irrelevant, shall—

5 (i) correct any inaccuracy; or

6 (ii) in the case of information that
7 is—

8 (I) public record information, in-
9 form the individual of the source of
10 the information, and, if reasonably
11 available, where a request for correc-
12 tion may be directed and, if the indi-
13 vidual provides proof that the public
14 record has been corrected or that the
15 information broker was reporting the
16 information incorrectly, correct the in-
17 accuracy in the information broker's
18 records; or

19 (II) nonpublic information, note
20 the information that is disputed, in-
21 cluding the individual's statement dis-
22 puting such information, and take
23 reasonable steps to independently
24 verify such information under the pro-
25 cedures outlined in subparagraph (A)

1 if such information can be independ-
2 ently verified.

3 (D) ALTERNATIVE PROCEDURE FOR CER-
4 TAIN MARKETING INFORMATION.—In accord-
5 ance with regulations issued under subpara-
6 graph (F), an information broker that main-
7 tains any information described in subpara-
8 graph (A) which is used, shared, or sold by
9 such information broker for marketing pur-
10 poses, may, in lieu of complying with the access
11 and dispute requirements set forth in subpara-
12 graphs (B) and (C), provide each individual
13 whose information the information broker main-
14 tains with a reasonable means of expressing a
15 preference not to have his or her information
16 used for such purposes. If the individual ex-
17 presses such a preference, the information
18 broker may not use, share, or sell the individ-
19 ual's information for marketing purposes.

20 (E) LIMITATIONS.—An information broker
21 may limit the access to information required
22 under subparagraph (B)(i) and is not required
23 to provide notice to individuals as required
24 under subparagraph (B)(ii) in the following cir-
25 cumstances:

1 (i) If access of the individual to the
2 information is limited by law or legally rec-
3 ognized privilege.

4 (ii) If the information is used for a le-
5 gitimate governmental or fraud prevention
6 purpose that would be compromised by
7 such access.

8 (iii) If the information consists of a
9 published media record, unless that record
10 has been included in a report about an in-
11 dividual shared with a third party.

12 (F) RULEMAKING.—Not later than 1 year
13 after the date of enactment of this Act, the
14 Commission shall promulgate regulations under
15 section 553 of title 5, United States Code, to
16 carry out this paragraph and to facilitate the
17 purposes of this Act. In addition, the Commis-
18 sion shall issue regulations, as necessary, under
19 section 553 of title 5, United States Code, on
20 the scope of the application of the limitations in
21 subparagraph (E), including any additional cir-
22 cumstances in which an information broker may
23 limit access to information under such clause
24 that the Commission determines to be appro-
25 priate.

1 (G) FCRA REGULATED PERSONS.—Any
2 information broker who is engaged in activities
3 subject to the Fair Credit Reporting Act and
4 who is in compliance with sections 609, 610,
5 and 611 of such Act (15 U.S.C. 1681g; 1681h;
6 1681i) with respect to information subject to
7 such Act, shall be deemed to be in compliance
8 with this paragraph with respect to such infor-
9 mation.

10 (4) REQUIREMENT OF AUDIT LOG OF ACCESSED
11 AND TRANSMITTED INFORMATION.—Not later than
12 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the
13 Commission shall promulgate regulations under sec-
14 tion 553 of title 5, United States Code, to require
15 information brokers to establish measures which fa-
16 cilitate the auditing or retracing of any internal or
17 external access to, or transmissions of, any data con-
18 taining personal information collected, assembled, or
19 maintained by such information broker.

20 (5) PROHIBITION ON PRETEXTING BY INFOR-
21 MATION BROKERS.—

22 (A) PROHIBITION ON OBTAINING PER-
23 SONAL INFORMATION BY FALSE PRETENSES.—
24 It shall be unlawful for an information broker
25 to obtain or attempt to obtain, or cause to be

disclosed or attempt to cause to be disclosed to any person, personal information or any other information relating to any person by—

(i) making a false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or representation to any person; or

(ii) providing any document or other information to any person that the information broker knows or should know to be forged, counterfeit, lost, stolen, or fraudulently obtained, or to contain a false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or representation.

(B) PROHIBITION ON SOLICITATION TO OBTAIN PERSONAL INFORMATION UNDER FALSE PRETENSES.—It shall be unlawful for an information broker to request a person to obtain personal information or any other information relating to any other person, if the information broker knew or should have known that the person to whom such a request is made will obtain or attempt to obtain such information in the manner described in subparagraph (A).

1 **SEC. 3. NOTIFICATION OF INFORMATION SECURITY**
2 **BREACH.**

3 (a) INDIVIDUAL NOTIFICATION.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Each covered entity shall,
5 following the discovery of a breach of security, notify
6 each individual who is a citizen or resident of the
7 United States whose personal information was, or is
8 reasonably believed to have been, acquired or
9 accessed by an unauthorized person, or used for an
10 unauthorized purpose.

11 (2) TIMELINESS OF NOTIFICATION.—

12 (A) IN GENERAL.—Unless subject to a
13 delay authorized under subparagraph (B), a no-
14 tification required under paragraph (1) shall be
15 made as expeditiously as practicable and with-
16 out unreasonable delay, but not later than 30
17 days following the discovery of a breach of secu-
18 rity.

19 (B) DELAY OF NOTIFICATION AUTHORIZED
20 FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OR NATIONAL SECU-
21 RITY PURPOSES.—

22 (i) LAW ENFORCEMENT.—If a Fed-
23 eral or State law enforcement agency, in-
24 cluding an attorney general of a State, de-
25 termines that the notification required
26 under this section would impede a civil or

1 criminal investigation, such notification
2 shall be delayed upon the written request
3 of the law enforcement agency for 30 days
4 or such lesser period of time which the law
5 enforcement agency determines is reason-
6 ably necessary and requests in writing.
7 Such a law enforcement agency may, by a
8 subsequent written request, revoke such
9 delay or extend the period of time set forth
10 in the original request made under this
11 paragraph if further delay is necessary.

12 (ii) NATIONAL SECURITY.—If a Fed-
13 eral national security agency or homeland
14 security agency determines that the notifi-
15 cation required under this section would
16 threaten national or homeland security,
17 such notification may be delayed for a pe-
18 riod of time of up to 60 days which the na-
19 tional security agency or homeland security
20 agency determines is reasonably necessary
21 and requests in writing. A Federal national
22 security agency or homeland security agen-
23 cy may revoke such delay or extend the pe-
24 riod of time set forth in the original re-
25 quest made under this paragraph by a sub-

1 sequent written request if further delay is
2 necessary.

3 (b) COORDINATION OF NOTIFICATION WITH CON-
4 SUMER REPORTING AGENCIES.—If a covered entity is re-
5 quired to provide notification to more than 5,000 individ-
6 uals under subsection (a)(1), the covered entity shall also
7 notify the major consumer reporting agencies that compile
8 and maintain files on consumers on a nationwide basis,
9 of the timing and distribution of the notifications. Such
10 notification shall be given to the consumer reporting agen-
11 cies without unreasonable delay and, if such notification
12 will not delay notification to the affected individuals, prior
13 to the distribution of notifications to the affected individ-
14 uals.

15 (c) METHOD AND CONTENT OF NOTIFICATION.—

16 (1) GENERAL NOTIFICATION.—A covered entity
17 required to provide notification to individuals under
18 subsection (a)(1) shall be in compliance with such
19 requirement if the covered entity provides con-
20 spicuous and clearly identified notification by one of
21 the following methods (provided the selected method
22 can reasonably be expected to reach the intended in-
23 dividual):

1 (A) Written notification to the last known
2 home mailing address of the individual in the
3 records of the covered entity.

4 (B) Notification by email or other elec-
5 tronic means, if—

6 (i) the covered entity's primary meth-
7 od of communication with the individual is
8 by email or such other electronic means; or
9 (ii) the individual has consented to re-
10 ceive such notification and the notification
11 is provided in a manner that is consistent
12 with the provisions permitting electronic
13 transmission of notifications under section
14 101 of the Electronic Signatures in Global
15 Commerce Act (15 U.S.C. 7001).

16 (2) WEBSITE NOTIFICATION.—The covered en-
17 tity shall also provide conspicuous notification on the
18 Internet website of the covered entity (if such cov-
19 ered entity maintains such a website) for a period of
20 not less than 90 days.

21 (3) MEDIA NOTIFICATION.—If the number of
22 residents of a State whose personal information was,
23 or is reasonably believed to have been acquired or
24 accessed by an unauthorized person, or used for an
25 unauthorized purpose exceeds 5,000, the covered en-

1 tity shall also provide notification in print and to
2 broadcast media, including major media in metro-
3 politan and rural areas where the individuals whose
4 personal information was, or is reasonably believed
5 to have been, acquired or accessed by an unauthor-
6 ized person, or used for an unauthorized purpose,
7 reside.

8 (4) CONTENT OF NOTIFICATION.—

9 (A) IN GENERAL.—Regardless of the
10 method by which notification is provided to an
11 individual under paragraphs (1), (2), and (3),
12 such notification shall include—

13 (i) a description of the personal infor-
14 mation that was, or is reasonably believed
15 to have been, acquired or accessed by an
16 unauthorized person, or used for an unau-
17 thorized purpose;

18 (ii) a general description of the inci-
19 dent and the date or estimated date of the
20 security breach and the date range during
21 which the personal information was com-
22 promised;

23 (iii) the acts the covered entity, or the
24 agent of the covered entity, has taken to

1 protect personal information from further
2 security breach;

3 (iv) a telephone number that the indi-
4 vidual may use, at no cost to such indi-
5 vidual, to contact the covered entity, or
6 agent of the covered entity, to inquire
7 about the breach of security or the infor-
8 mation the covered entity maintained
9 about that individual;

10 (v) notification that the individual is
11 entitled to receive, at no cost to such indi-
12 vidual, consumer credit reports on a quar-
13 terly basis for a period of 2 years, or credit
14 monitoring or other service that enables
15 consumers to detect the misuse of their
16 personal information for a period of 2
17 years, and instructions to the individual on
18 requesting such reports or service from the
19 covered entity, except when the only infor-
20 mation which has been the subject of the
21 security breach is the individual's first
22 name or initial and last name, or address,
23 or phone number, in combination with a
24 credit or debit card number, and any re-
25 quired security code;

(vi) the toll-free contact telephone numbers and addresses for the major consumer reporting agencies; and

(vii) a toll-free telephone number and Internet website address for the Commission whereby the individual may obtain information regarding identity theft.

(B) DIRECT BUSINESS RELATIONSHIP.—

The notification required under subsection (a) shall identify the covered entity that has a direct business relationship with the individual.

(5) REGULATIONS FOR SUBSTITUTE NOTIFICATION.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Commission shall, by regulation under section 553 of title 5, United States Code—

(A) establish criteria for determining circumstances under which substitute notification may be provided in lieu of direct notification required by paragraph (1), including criteria for determining if notification under paragraph (1) is not feasible due to excessive costs to the covered entity required to provide such notification relative to the resources of such covered entity; and

1 (B) establish the form and content of sub-
2 stitute notification.

3 (d) NOTIFICATION FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT AND
4 OTHER PURPOSES.—A covered entity shall, as expedi-
5 tiously as practicable and without unreasonable delay, but
6 not later than 10 days following the discovery of a breach
7 of security, provide notification of the breach to—

- 8 (1) the Commission;
- 9 (2) the Federal Bureau of Investigation;
- 10 (3) the Secret Service;
- 11 (4) for common carriers, the Federal Commu-
12 nications Commission; and
- 13 (5) the attorney general of each State in which
14 the personal information of a resident or residents
15 of the State was, or is reasonably believed to have
16 been, acquired or accessed by an unauthorized per-
17 son, or used for an unauthorized purpose.

18 (e) OTHER OBLIGATIONS FOLLOWING BREACH.—

- 19 (1) IN GENERAL.—A covered entity required to
20 provide notification under subsection (a) shall, upon
21 request of an individual whose personal information
22 was included in the breach of security, provide or ar-
23 range for the provision of, to each such individual
24 and at no cost to such individual—

1 (A) consumer credit reports from all of the
2 major consumer reporting agencies beginning
3 not later than 60 days following the individual's
4 request and continuing on a quarterly basis for
5 a period of 2 years thereafter; or

6 (B) a credit monitoring or other service
7 that—

8 (i) enables consumers to detect the
9 misuse of their personal information, be-
10 ginning not later than 60 days following
11 the individual's request and continuing for
12 a period of 2 years; and

13 (ii) includes monitoring of the individ-
14 ual's credit file at all of the major con-
15 sumer reporting agencies.

16 (2) LIMITATION.—This subsection shall not
17 apply if the only personal information which has
18 been the subject of the security breach is the individ-
19 ual's first name or initial and last name, or address,
20 or phone number, in combination with a credit or
21 debit card number, and any required security code.

22 (3) RULEMAKING.—As part of the Commis-
23 sion's rulemaking described in subsection (c)(5), the
24 Commission shall determine the circumstances under
25 which a covered entity required to provide notifica-

1 tion under subsection (a) shall provide or arrange
2 for the provision of free consumer credit reports or
3 credit monitoring or other service to affected individ-
4 uals.

5 (f) EXEMPTION.—

6 (1) GENERAL EXEMPTION.—A covered entity
7 shall be exempt from the requirements under this
8 section if the data containing personal information
9 that was, or is reasonably believed to have been, ac-
10 quired or accessed by an unauthorized person, or
11 used for an unauthorized purpose, is unusable,
12 unreadable, or indecipherable because of security
13 technologies or methodologies generally accepted by
14 experts in the field of information security at the
15 time the breach of security occurred. This exemption
16 does not apply with regard to the use of encryption
17 technology generally accepted by experts in the field
18 of information security at the time the breach of se-
19 curity occurred if any cryptographic keys necessary
20 to enable decryption of such data are also accessed
21 or acquired without authorization.

22 (2) FTC GUIDANCE.—Not later than 1 year
23 after the date of enactment of this Act the Commis-
24 sion shall issue guidance regarding the application of
25 the exemption in paragraph (1).

1 (g) WEBSITE NOTIFICATION OF FEDERAL TRADE
2 COMMISSION.—If the Commission, upon receiving notifi-
3 cation of any breach of security that is reported to the
4 Commission under subsection (d)(1), finds that notifica-
5 tion of such a breach of security via the Commission’s
6 Internet website would be in the public interest or for the
7 protection of consumers, the Commission shall place such
8 a notification in a clear and conspicuous location on its
9 Internet website.

10 (h) WEBSITE NOTIFICATION OF STATE ATTORNEYS
11 GENERAL.—If a State attorney general, upon receiving
12 notification of any breach of security that is reported to
13 the Commission under subsection (d)(5), finds that notifi-
14 cation of such a breach of security via the State attorney
15 general’s Internet website would be in the public interest
16 or for the protection of consumers, the State attorney gen-
17 eral shall place such a notification in a clear and con-
18 spicuous location on its Internet website.

19 (i) FTC STUDY ON NOTIFICATION IN LANGUAGES IN
20 ADDITION TO ENGLISH.—Not later than 1 year after the
21 date of enactment of this Act, the Commission shall con-
22 duct a study on the practicality and cost effectiveness of
23 requiring the notification required by subsection (c)(1) to
24 be provided in a language in addition to English to individ-
25 uals known to speak only such other language.

1 (j) EDUCATION AND OUTREACH FOR SMALL BUSI-
2 NESSES.—The Commission shall conduct education and
3 outreach for small business concerns on data security
4 practices and how to prevent hacking and other unauthor-
5 ized access to, acquisition of, or use of data maintained
6 by such small business concerns.

7 (k) WEBSITE ON DATA SECURITY BEST PRAC-
8 TICES.—The Commission shall establish and maintain an
9 Internet website containing nonbinding best practices for
10 businesses regarding data security and how to prevent
11 hacking and other unauthorized access to, acquisition of,
12 or use of data maintained by such businesses.

13 (l) GENERAL RULEMAKING AUTHORITY.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Commission may pro-
15 mulgate regulations necessary under section 553 of
16 title 5, United States Code, to effectively enforce the
17 requirements of this section.

18 (2) LIMITATION.—In promulgating rules under
19 this Act, the Commission shall not require the de-
20 ployment or use of any specific products or tech-
21 nologies, including any specific computer software or
22 hardware.

23 (m) TREATMENT OF PERSONS GOVERNED BY OTHER
24 LAW.—A covered entity who is in compliance with any
25 other Federal law that requires such covered entity to pro-

1 vide notification to individuals following a breach of secu-
2 rity in at least the same or substantially similar cir-
3 cumstances and in at the least same or substantially simi-
4 lar manner as required to be provided under this Act, shall
5 be deemed to be in compliance with this section with re-
6 spect to activities and information covered under such
7 Federal law.

8 **SEC. 4. APPLICATION AND ENFORCEMENT.**

9 (a) ENFORCEMENT BY THE FEDERAL TRADE COM-
10 MISSION.—

11 (1) UNFAIR OR DECEPTIVE ACTS OR PRAC-
12 TICES.—A violation of section 2 or 3 shall be treated
13 as an unfair and deceptive act or practice in viola-
14 tion of a regulation under section 18(a)(1)(B) of the
15 Federal Trade Commission Act (15 U.S.C.
16 57a(a)(1)(B)) regarding unfair or deceptive acts or
17 practices and shall be subject to enforcement by the
18 Commission under that Act with respect to any cov-
19 ered entity. All of the functions and powers of the
20 Commission under the Federal Trade Commission
21 Act are available to the Commission to enforce com-
22 pliance by any person with the requirements imposed
23 under this title, irrespective of whether that person
24 is engaged in commerce or meets any other jurisdic-

1 tional tests under the Federal Trade Commission
2 Act.

3 (2) COORDINATION WITH FEDERAL COMMU-
4 NICATIONS COMMISSION.—Where enforcement re-
5 lates to entities subject to the authority of the Fed-
6 eral Communications Commission, enforcement ac-
7 tions by the Commission will be coordinated with the
8 Federal Communications Commission.

9 (3) COORDINATION WITH CONSUMER FINANCIAL
10 PROTECTION BUREAU.—Where enforcement relates
11 to financial information or information associated
12 with the provision of financial products or services,
13 enforcement actions by the Commission will be co-
14 ordinated with the Consumer Financial Protection
15 Bureau.

16 (b) ENFORCEMENT BY STATE ATTORNEYS GEN-
17 ERAL.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—If the chief law enforcement
19 officer of a State, or an official or agency designated
20 by a State, has reason to believe that any covered
21 entity has violated or is violating section 2 or 3 of
22 this Act, the attorney general, official, or agency of
23 the State, in addition to any authority it may have
24 to bring an action in State court under its consumer
25 protection law, may bring a civil action in any ap-

1 appropriate United States district court or in any
2 other court of competent jurisdiction, including a
3 State court, to—

4 (A) enjoin further such violation by the de-
5 fendant;

6 (B) enforce compliance with this such sec-
7 tion;

8 (C) obtain civil penalties in the amount de-
9 termined under paragraph (2); and

10 (D) obtain damages, restitution, or other
11 compensation on behalf of residents of the
12 State.

13 (2) CIVIL PENALTIES.—

14 (A) CALCULATION.—

15 (i) TREATMENT OF VIOLATIONS OF
16 SECTION 2.—For purposes of paragraph
17 (1)(C) with regard to a violation of section
18 2, the amount determined under this para-
19 graph is the amount calculated by multi-
20 plying the number of days that a covered
21 entity is not in compliance with such sec-
22 tion by an amount not greater than
23 \$16,500.

24 (ii) TREATMENT OF VIOLATIONS OF
25 SECTION 3.—For purposes of paragraph

(1)(C) with regard to a violation of section 3, the amount determined under this paragraph is the amount calculated by multiplying the number of violations of such section by an amount not greater than \$16,500. Each failure to send notification as required under section 3 to a resident of the United States shall be treated as a separate violation.

(B) ADJUSTMENT FOR INFLATION.—Beginning on the date that the Consumer Price Index is first published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics that is after 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, and each year thereafter, the amounts specified in clauses (i) and (ii) of subparagraph (A) shall be increased by the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index published on that date from the Consumer Price Index published the previous year.

(3) NOTICE AND INTERVENTION BY THE FTC.—

(A) The attorney general of a State shall provide prior written notice of any action under paragraph (1) to the Commission and provide the Commission with a copy of the complaint in

1 the action, except in any case in which such
2 prior notice is not feasible, in which case the at-
3 torney general shall serve such notice imme-
4 diately upon instituting such action. The Com-
5 mission shall have the right—

6 (i) to intervene in the action;

7 (ii) upon so intervening, to be heard
8 on all matters arising therein; and

9 (iii) to file petitions for appeal.

10 (B) LIMITATION ON STATE ACTION WHILE
11 FEDERAL ACTION IS PENDING.—If the Commis-
12 sion has instituted a civil action for violation of
13 this Act, no State attorney general, or official
14 or agency of a State, may bring an action under
15 this subsection during the pendency of that ac-
16 tion against any defendant named in the com-
17 plaint of the Commission for any violation of
18 this Act alleged in the complaint.

19 (4) RELATIONSHIP WITH STATE-LAW CLAIMS.—

20 If the attorney general of a State has authority to
21 bring an action under State law directed at acts or
22 practices that also violate this Act, the attorney gen-
23 eral may assert the State-law claim and a claim
24 under this Act in the same civil action.

1 **SEC. 5. DEFINITIONS.**

2 In this Act:

3 (1) BREACH OF SECURITY.—The term “breach
4 of security” means unauthorized access to, acquisi-
5 tion of, or use of data containing personal informa-
6 tion.

7 (2) COMMISSION.—The term “Commission”
8 means the Federal Trade Commission.

9 (3) CONSUMER REPORTING AGENCY.—The term
10 “consumer reporting agency” has the meaning given
11 that term in section 603 of the Fair Credit Report-
12 ing Act (15 U.S.C. 1681a).

13 (4) COVERED ENTITY.—The term “covered en-
14 tity” means—

15 (A) any organization, corporation, trust,
16 partnership, sole proprietorship, unincorporated
17 association, or venture over which the Commis-
18 sion has authority pursuant to section 5(a)(2)
19 of the Federal Trade Commission Act (15
20 U.S.C. 45(a)(2));

21 (B) notwithstanding section 5(a)(2) of the
22 Federal Trade Commission Act (15 U.S.C.
23 45(a)(2)), common carriers subject to the Com-
24 munications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 151 et
25 seq.); and

1 (C) notwithstanding sections 4 and 5(a)(2)
2 of the Federal Trade Commission Act (15
3 U.S.C. 44 and 45(a)(2)), any nonprofit organi-
4 zation, including any organization described in
5 section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of
6 1986 that is exempt from taxation under sec-
7 tion 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of
8 1986.

9 (5) INFORMATION BROKER.—The term “infor-
10 mation broker”—

11 (A) means a commercial entity whose busi-
12 ness is to collect, assemble, or maintain per-
13 sonal information concerning individuals who
14 are not current or former customers of such en-
15 tity in order to sell such information or provide
16 access to such information to any nonaffiliated
17 third party in exchange for consideration,
18 whether such collection, assembly, or mainte-
19 nance of personal information is performed by
20 the information broker directly, or by contract
21 or subcontract with any other entity; and

22 (B) does not include a commercial entity to
23 the extent that such entity processes informa-
24 tion collected by and received from a non-
25 affiliated third party concerning individuals who

1 are current or former customers or employees
2 of the third party to enable the third party to
3 provide benefits for the employees or directly
4 transact business with the customers.

5 (6) PERSONAL INFORMATION.—

6 (A) DEFINITION.—The term “personal in-
7 formation” means any information or compila-
8 tion of information that includes any of the fol-
9 lowing:

10 (i) An individual’s first name or initial
11 and last name in combination with any 2
12 or more of the following data elements for
13 that individual:

14 (I) Home address or telephone
15 number.

16 (II) Mother’s maiden name.

17 (III) Month, day, and year of
18 birth.

19 (IV) User name or electronic
20 mail address.

21 (ii) Driver’s license number, passport
22 number, military identification number,
23 alien registration number, or other similar
24 number issued on a government document
25 used to verify identity.

1 (iii) Unique account identifier, includ-
2 ing a financial account number, or credit
3 or debit card number, electronic identifica-
4 tion number, user name, or routing code.

5 (iv) Partial or complete Social Secu-
6 rity number.

7 (v) Unique biometric or genetic data
8 such as a faceprint, fingerprint, voice
9 print, a retina or iris image, or any other
10 unique physical representations.

11 (vi) Information that could be used to
12 access an individual's account, such as
13 user name and password or email address
14 and password.

15 (vii) Any two or more of the following
16 data elements:

17 (I) An individual's first and last
18 name or first initial and last name.

19 (II) A unique account identifier,
20 including a financial account number
21 or credit or debit card number, elec-
22 tronic identification number, user
23 name, or routing code.

24 (III) Any security code, access
25 code, or password, or source code that

1 could be used to generate such codes
2 or passwords.

3 (viii) Information generated or derived
4 from the operation or use of an electronic
5 communications device that is sufficient to
6 identify the street name and name of the
7 city or town in which the device is located.

8 (ix) Any information regarding an in-
9 dividual's medical history, mental or phys-
10 ical condition, medical treatment or diag-
11 nosis by a health care professional, or the
12 provision of health care to the individual,
13 including health information provided to a
14 website or mobile application.

15 (x) A health insurance policy number
16 or subscriber identification number and
17 any unique identifier used by a health in-
18 surer to identify the individual, or any in-
19 formation in an individual's health insur-
20 ance application and claims history, includ-
21 ing any appeals records.

22 (xi) Digitized or other electronic sig-
23 nature.

1 (xii) Nonpublic communications or
2 other user-created content such as emails,
3 photographs, or videos.

4 (xiii) Any record or information con-
5 cerning payroll, income, financial accounts,
6 mortgages, loans, lines of credit, utility
7 bills, accumulated purchases, or any other
8 information regarding financial assets, ob-
9 ligations, or spending habits.

10 (xiv) Any additional element the Com-
11 mission defines as personal information.

12 (B) MODIFIED DEFINITION BY RULE-
13 MAKING.—The Commission may, by rule pro-
14 mulgated under section 553 of title 5, United
15 States Code, modify the definition of “personal
16 information” under subparagraph (A).

17 (7) STATE.—The term “State” means each of
18 the several States, the District of Columbia, the
19 Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, American
20 Samoa, the United States Virgin Islands, the Com-
21 monwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, any
22 other territory or possession of the United States,
23 and each federally recognized Indian tribe.

1 **SEC. 6. EFFECT ON OTHER LAWS.**

2 (a) PREEMPTION OF STATE DATA SECURITY AND
3 BREACH NOTIFICATION LAWS.—No State or political sub-
4 division thereof shall have any authority to establish or
5 continue in effect any standard or requirement relating
6 to information security practices for the treatment and
7 protection of personal information as defined in section
8 5(5)(A) or as subsequently amended by the Federal Trade
9 Commission under section 5(5)(B), or notification to indi-
10 viduals of a breach of security of personal information as
11 defined in section 5(5)(A) or as subsequently amended by
12 the Federal Trade Commission under section 5(5)(B),
13 that is not identical to the standards and requirements
14 established under this Act.

15 (b) EFFECT ON STATE LAW.—In the case of a provi-
16 sion of the law of a State that is superseded by subsection
17 (a), this Act may be enforced in the same manner and
18 to the same extent as the State law could have been en-
19 forced under State law.

20 (c) EFFECT ON OTHER STATE LAWS.—Nothing in
21 this Act shall be construed to—

22 (1) preempt or limit any provision of any law,
23 rule, regulation, requirement, standard, or other pro-
24 vision having the force and effect of law of any
25 State, including any State consumer protection law,

1 any State law relating to acts of fraud or deception,
2 and any State trespass, contract, or tort law;

3 (2) preempt or limit any provision of any law,
4 rule, regulation, requirement, standard, or other pro-
5 vision having the force and effect of law of any State
6 regarding post-data breach services, including secu-
7 rity or credit freezes, credit monitoring, identity
8 theft monitoring, and identity theft services;

9 (3) prevent or limit the attorney general of a
10 State from exercising the powers conferred upon the
11 attorney general by the laws of the State, including
12 conducting investigations, administering oaths or af-
13 firmations, or compelling the attendance of witnesses
14 or the production of documentary and other evi-
15 dence; or

16 (4) preempt or limit any provision of any law,
17 rule, regulation, requirement, standard, or other pro-
18 vision having the force and effect of law of any State
19 with respect to any person that is not a covered enti-
20 ty under section 5(4).

21 (d) PRESERVATION OF AUTHORITY.—

22 (1) FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION.—Nothing in
23 this Act may be construed in any way to limit the
24 Commission’s authority under any other provision of
25 law.

1 (2) FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION.—

2 Nothing in this Act may be construed in any way to
3 limit or affect the Federal Communications Commis-
4 sion’s authority under any other provision of law.

5 (3) CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BU-

6 REAU.—Nothing in this Act may be construed in
7 any way to limit or affect the Consumer Financial
8 Protection Bureau’s authority under any other pro-
9 vision of law.

10 **SEC. 7. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

11 This Act shall take effect 90 days after the date of
12 enactment of this Act.

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