

116TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 2204

AN ACT

To allow the Federal Communications Commission to carry out a pilot program under which voice service providers could block certain automated calls, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Data Analytics
3 Robocall Technology Act of 2019” or the “DART Act of
4 2019”.

5 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

6 In this Act—

7 (1) the term “Commission” means the Federal
8 Communications Commission;

9 (2) the term “covered ruling” means the “De-
10 claratory Ruling and Third Further Notice of Pro-
11 posed Rulemaking in the matter of Advanced Meth-
12 ods to Target and Eliminate Unlawful Robocalls”,
13 adopted by the Commission on June 6, 2019 (FCC
14 19–51; CG Docket No. 17–59);

15 (3) the term “public safety answering point”
16 has the meaning given the term in section 222(h) of
17 the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C.
18 222(h)); and

19 (4) the term “voice service” means any service
20 that—

21 (A) is interconnected with the public
22 switched telephone network; and

23 (B) furnishes voice communications to an
24 end user using resources from the North Amer-
25 ican Numbering Plan or any successor to the
26 North American Numbering Plan adopted by

1 the Commission under section 251(e)(1) of the
2 Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C.
3 251(e)(1)).

4 **SEC. 3. RULEMAKING.**

5 Not later than 18 months after the date of enactment
6 of this Act, the Commission shall initiate a rulemaking
7 to consider establishing a process under which the Com-
8 mission shall maintain a list of numbers that are not eligi-
9 ble to be blocked by a voice service provider, which may
10 include a number used—

11 (1) for outgoing calls by a public safety answer-
12 ing point or a similar facility that is designated to
13 originate or route emergency calls;

14 (2) to originate calls from a government entity,
15 such as a call generated during an emergency;

16 (3) by a school, or a similar institution, to pro-
17 vide school-related notifications, such as a notifica-
18 tion regarding—

19 (A) a weather-related closure; or

20 (B) the existence of an emergency affect-
21 ing a school or students attending a school; and

22 (4) for similar or emergency purposes, as deter-
23 mined appropriate by the Commission.

1 **SEC. 4. REPORTS ON DEPLOYMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION**
 2 **OF CALL BLOCKING AND CALLER ID AUTHEN-**
 3 **TICATION.**

4 Not later than 180 days after the date on which the
 5 Commission receives any report under paragraph 90 of the
 6 covered ruling, the Commission shall submit to the Com-
 7 mittee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the
 8 Senate and the Committee on Energy and Commerce of
 9 the House of Representatives—

10 (1) an analysis by the Commission with respect
 11 to the effectiveness of various categories of call
 12 blocking tools, as evaluated in the report; and

13 (2) any legislative recommendations of the
 14 Commission relating to the report.

15 **SEC. 5. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**

16 Nothing in this Act may be construed to impede or
 17 delay the analysis by the Commission of the most effective
 18 means by which to maintain and administer a list of num-
 19 bers that may not be blocked (referred to in the covered
 20 ruling as a “Critical Calls List”), as considered in the cov-
 21 ered ruling.

Passed the Senate December 19, 2020.

Attest:

Secretary.

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