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To require the Federal Communications Commission to promulgate regulations requiring voice service providers to provide consumers opt-out call-blocking programs by default and free of charge.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

AUGUST 1, 2019

Mr. MANCHIN (for himself and Mr. JONES) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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 “Stop Unwanted Calls
5 for All Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. CALL-BLOCKING PROGRAMS.**

7 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 (1) CALL-BLOCKING PROGRAM.—The term
2 “call-blocking program” means a call-blocking pro-
3 gram described in the Declaratory Ruling in the
4 matter of Advanced Methods to Target and Eliminate
5 Unlawful Robocalls, adopted by the Commis-
6 sion on June 6, 2019 (FCC 19–51; CG Docket No.
7 17–59).

8 (2) COMMISSION.—The term “Commission”
9 means the Federal Communications Commission.

10 (b) REGULATIONS.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
12 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Commis-
13 sion shall promulgate regulations to require voice
14 service providers to provide consumers opt-out call-
15 blocking programs by default and free of charge.

16 (2) DELAYED IMPLEMENTATION FOR SMALL
17 AND RURAL PROVIDERS.—The Commission shall
18 delay by 1 year the applicability of the regulations
19 promulgated under paragraph (1) to small voice
20 service providers and rural voice service providers, as
21 defined by the Commission.

22 (3) EXEMPTED CALLS.—The Commission, in
23 consultation with voice service providers, shall en-
24 sure that the call-blocking programs required under
25 the regulations promulgated under paragraph (1) do

1 not block calls that are exempted from the prohibi-
2 tions under section 227 of the Communications Act
3 of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 227).

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