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S. 4159

To amend the Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act
to accommodate emerging technologies.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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

A BILL

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Commerce Act to accommodate emerging technologies.

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 “E-SIGN Modernization
5 Act of 2020”.

6 **SEC. 2. REQUIREMENTS FOR CONSENT TO ELECTRONIC**
7 **DISCLOSURES.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title I of the Electronic Signa-
9 tures in Global and National Commerce Act (15 U.S.C.
10 7001 et seq.) is amended—

1 (1) in section 101(c) (15 U.S.C. 7001(c))—

2 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking subpara-
3 graphs (C) and (D) and inserting the following:

4 “(C) the consumer, prior to consenting, is
5 provided with a statement of the hardware and
6 software requirements for access to and reten-
7 tion of the electronic records; and

8 “(D) after the consent of a consumer in
9 accordance with subparagraph (A), if a change
10 in the hardware or software requirements need-
11 ed to access or retain electronic records creates
12 a material risk that the consumer will not be
13 able to access or retain a subsequent electronic
14 record that was the subject of the consent, the
15 person providing the electronic record provides
16 the consumer with a statement of—

17 “(i) the revised hardware and soft-
18 ware requirements for access to and reten-
19 tion of the electronic records; and

20 “(ii) the right to withdraw consent
21 without the imposition of any fees for such
22 withdrawal and without the imposition of
23 any condition or consequence that was not
24 disclosed under subparagraph (B)(i).”;

25 (B) by striking paragraph (3); and

1 (C) by redesignating paragraphs (4), (5),
2 and (6) as paragraphs (3), (4), and (5), respec-
3 tively; and

4 (2) by striking section 105 (15 U.S.C. 7005).

5 (b) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
6 tion, or the amendments made by this section, may be con-
7 strued as affecting the consent provided by any consumer
8 under section 101(c) of the Electronic Signatures in Glob-
9 al and National Commerce Act (15 U.S.C. 7001(c)) before
10 the date of enactment of this Act.

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