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S. 2321

To amend the E-Government Act of 2002 (Public Law 107–347) to reauthorize appropriations, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. CARPER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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 “E-Government Reau-
5 thorization Act of 2007”.

6 **SEC. 2. REAUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—The E-Government Act of 2002
8 (Public Law 107–347) is amended—

9 (1) in section 204(b), by striking “2007” and
10 inserting “2012”;

1 (2) in section 207(g)(5)(B), by striking “and
2 2007” and inserting “through 2012”;

3 (3) in section 213(h)(3), by striking “2007”
4 and inserting “2012”;

5 (4) in section 216(f), by striking “2007” and
6 inserting “2012”; and

7 (5) in section 401, by striking “2007” and in-
8 serting “2012”.

9 (b) INFORMATION SECURITY.—Section 3548 of title
10 44, United States Code, is amended by striking “2007”
11 and inserting “2012”.

12 (c) E-GOVERNMENT FUND.—Section 3604(g)(1)(E)
13 of title 44, United States Code, is amended by striking
14 “fiscal year 2007” and inserting “fiscal years 2007
15 through 2012”.

16 (d) INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY EXCHANGE PRO-
17 GRAM.—Section 3702(d) of title 5, United States Code,
18 is amended by striking “the end of the 5-year period be-
19 ginning on the date of the enactment of this chapter” and
20 inserting “September 31, 2012”.

21 (e) COMPUTER STANDARDS PROGRAM.—Section
22 20(f) of the National Institute of Standards and Tech-
23 nology Act (15 U.S.C. 278g–3) is amended by striking
24 “2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, and 2007” and inserting “2003
25 through 2012”.

1 **SEC. 3. BEST PRACTICES FOR PRIVACY IMPACT ASSESS-**
2 **MENTS.**

3 Section 208(b)(3) of the E-Government Act of 2002
4 (44 U.S.C. 3501 note) is amended—

5 (1) in subparagraph (B), by striking “and” at
6 the end;

7 (2) in subparagraph (C), by striking the period
8 and inserting “; and”; and

9 (3) by adding at the end the following:

10 “(D) develop best practices for agencies to
11 follow in conducting privacy impact assess-
12 ments.”.

13 **SEC. 4. IMPROVING SEARCHES OF GOVERNMENT DOCU-**
14 **MENTS ON THE WORLDWIDE WEB.**

15 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

16 (1) members of the public and governments
17 commonly rely on commercial search engines to lo-
18 cate relevant information on the worldwide web, in-
19 cluding information made available by government
20 agencies; and

21 (2) some Federal agencies have not taken ac-
22 tions to make all of the information available
23 through their websites readily accessible to commer-
24 cial search engines.

25 (b) SEARCHABILITY OF GOVERNMENT WEBSITES.—

26 Section 207(f) of the E-Government Act of 2002 (44

1 U.S.C. 3501 note) is amended by adding at the end the
2 following:

3 “(4) SEARCHABILITY OF GOVERNMENT
4 WEBSITES.—

5 “(A) FUNCTIONS OF THE DIRECTOR.—

6 “(i) GUIDELINES.—Not later than 1
7 year after the date of enactment of the E-
8 Government Reauthorization Act of 2007,
9 the Director shall promulgate guidance
10 and best practices to ensure that publicly
11 available online Federal Government infor-
12 mation and services are made more acces-
13 sible to external search capabilities, includ-
14 ing commercial and governmental search
15 capabilities. The guidance and best prac-
16 tices shall include guidelines for each agen-
17 cy to test the accessibility of the websites
18 of that agency to external search capabili-
19 ties.

20 “(ii) REVIEW.—The Director shall en-
21 sure periodic review of any guidance and
22 best practices promulgated under clause (i)
23 to ensure that the guidance and best prac-
24 tices are consistent with any advances
25 made in information technology.

1 “(iii) REPORTS.—The Director shall
2 report annually to Congress, through the
3 report established under section 3606 of
4 title 44, United States Code, on—

5 “(I) the progress of agencies with
6 the guidance promulgated under
7 clause (i); and

8 “(II) the results of the testing by
9 agencies.

10 “(B) AGENCY FUNCTIONS.—

11 “(i) COMPLIANCE.—Effective on and
12 after 2 years after the date of enactment
13 of the E-Government Reauthorization Act
14 of 2007, each agency shall ensure compli-
15 ance with any guidance promulgated under
16 subparagraph (A).

17 “(ii) REPORTS.—Each agency shall
18 report annually to the Director, in the re-
19 port established under section 202(g),
20 on—

21 “(I) the use of best practices and
22 progress of that agency with the guid-
23 ance promulgated under subparagraph
24 (A); and

1 “(II) the results of the testing by
2 that agency.”.

3 **SEC. 5. PROVIDING AGENCY E-GOVERNMENT REPORTS TO**
4 **CONGRESS.**

5 Section 3606(b) of title 44, United States Code, is
6 amended by striking paragraph (1) and inserting the fol-
7 lowing:

8 “(1) the reports submitted by agencies to the
9 Director under section 202(g) of the E-Government
10 Act of 2002, and a summary of the information re-
11 ported by the agencies;”.

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