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# H. R. 2386

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 29, 2019

Mr. LATTA (for himself and Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE of Pennsylvania) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## 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 “Support Tools to Oblit-  
5 erate Pesky Robocalls Act” or the “STOP Robocalls Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. INFORMATION SHARING REGARDING ROBOCALL**  
2 **AND SPOOFING VIOLATIONS.**

3 Section 227 of the Communications Act of 1934 (47  
4 U.S.C. 227) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
5 lowing:

6 “(i) INFORMATION SHARING.—Not later than 18  
7 months after the date of the enactment of this subsection,  
8 the Commission shall promulgate regulations to establish  
9 a process that streamlines the ways in which a private en-  
10 tity may voluntarily share with the Commission informa-  
11 tion relating to—

12 “(1) a call made or a text message sent in vio-  
13 lation of subsection (b); or

14 “(2) a call or text message for which misleading  
15 or inaccurate caller identification information was  
16 caused to be transmitted in violation of subsection  
17 (e).”.

18 **SEC. 3. ROBOCALL BLOCKING SERVICE WITH OPT-OUT CUS-**  
19 **TOMER APPROVAL.**

20 Section 227 of the Communications Act of 1934 (47  
21 U.S.C. 227), as amended by section 2, is further amended  
22 by adding at the end the following:

23 “(j) ROBOCALL BLOCKING SERVICE WITH OPT-OUT  
24 CUSTOMER APPROVAL.—

25 “(1) IN GENERAL.—A voice service provider  
26 may provide a robocall blocking service to a cus-

1       tomer on an informed opt-out basis if the provider  
2       does not charge a fee in exchange for such service.

3           “(2) RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.—

4               “(A) INFORMED OPT-IN BASIS.—Nothing  
5       in this subsection shall be construed to prohibit  
6       a voice service provider from providing a  
7       robocall blocking service to customers on an in-  
8       formed opt-in basis, whether or not in exchange  
9       for a fee.

10              “(B) BLOCKING CALLS WITHOUT CUS-  
11       TOMER CONSENT.—Nothing in this subsection  
12       shall be construed to prohibit a voice service  
13       provider from blocking calls without customer  
14       consent as provided by rule or order of the  
15       Commission.

16           “(3) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

17               “(A) ROBOCALL BLOCKING SERVICE.—The  
18       term ‘robocall blocking service’ means a service  
19       or technology that enables a voice service cus-  
20       tomer to avoid receiving calls made in violation  
21       of subsection (b).

22               “(B) VOICE SERVICE.—The term ‘voice  
23       service’ has the meaning given such term in  
24       subsection (e)(8). This subparagraph shall  
25       apply before the effective date of the amend-

1           ment made to such subsection by subparagraph  
2           (C) of section 503(a)(2) of division P of the  
3           Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018 (Public  
4           Law 115–141) as if such amendment was al-  
5           ready in effect.”.

6 **SEC. 4. STUDY ON INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS FOR CER-**  
7 **TAIN VOIP SERVICE PROVIDERS.**

8           (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Federal Communications  
9 Commission shall conduct a study regarding whether to  
10 require a provider of covered VoIP service to—

11           (1) provide to the Commission contact informa-  
12 tion for such provider and keep such information  
13 current; and

14           (2) retain records relating to each call trans-  
15 mitted over the covered VoIP service of such pro-  
16 vider that are sufficient to trace such call back to  
17 the source of such call.

18           (b) **REPORT TO CONGRESS.**—Not later than 18  
19 months after the date of the enactment of this Act, the  
20 Commission shall submit to Congress a report on the re-  
21 sults of the study conducted under subsection (a).

22           (c) **COVERED VOIP SERVICE DEFINED.**—In this sec-  
23 tion, the term “covered VoIP service” means a service  
24 that—

1           (1) is an interconnected VoIP service (as de-  
2           fined in section 3 of the Communications Act of  
3           1934 (47 U.S.C. 153)); or

4           (2) would be an interconnected VoIP service (as  
5           so defined) except that the service permits users to  
6           terminate calls to the public switched telephone net-  
7           work but does not permit users to receive calls that  
8           originate on the public switched telephone network.

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