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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science,
and Transportation

AN ACT

To direct the Federal Trade Commission to develop and disseminate information to the public about scams related to COVID-19, 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 “Combating Pandemic
3 Scams Act of 2020”.

4 **SEC. 2. INFORMATION ABOUT SCAMS RELATED TO COVID-**

5 **19.**

6 (a) DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—As expeditiously as possible
8 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
9 Commission, in consultation with the Attorney Gen-
10 eral, the Secretary of Health and Human Services,
11 the Postmaster General, the Chief Postal Inspector,
12 and the Internet Crime Complaint Center, shall de-
13 velop and disseminate information to the public
14 about scams related to the novel coronavirus
15 (COVID–19).

16 (2) REQUIREMENTS.—In carrying out para-
17 graph (1), the Commission shall—

18 (A) include—

19 (i) information regarding mail, tele-
20 marketing, and internet fraud and illegal
21 robocalls related to COVID–19 that identi-
22 fies the most common scams; and

23 (ii) information regarding where and
24 how to report instances of scams related to
25 COVID–19, including instructions on how

1 to file a complaint with the appropriate
2 law enforcement agency;

3 (B) disseminate information under such
4 paragraph in a manner that prioritizes, and
5 that is easily accessible by and user-friendly to,
6 senior citizens and people with infirmities and
7 disabilities;

8 (C) disseminate information under such
9 paragraph on an internet website of the Com-
10 mission that serves as a source of information
11 for the public about scams related to COVID-
12 19; and

13 (D) regularly update the information devel-
14 oped and disseminated under such paragraph to
15 keep pace with the changing nature of scams
16 related to COVID-19.

17 (b) DATABASE.—As expeditiously as possible after
18 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Commission
19 shall, in consultation with State law enforcement agencies,
20 the Director of the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protec-
21 tion, the Attorney General, the Secretary of Health and
22 Human Services, and other relevant Federal officials, es-
23 tablish a comprehensive national database, either within
24 or separate from the Consumer Sentinel Network, that
25 tracks instances of scams related to COVID-19.

1 (c) COMMISSION DEFINED.—In this section, the term
2 “Commission” means the Federal Trade Commission.

3 **SEC. 3. DETERMINATION OF BUDGETARY EFFECTS.**

4 The budgetary effects of this Act, for the purpose of
5 complying with the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010,
6 shall be determined by reference to the latest statement
7 titled “Budgetary Effects of PAYGO Legislation” for this
8 Act, submitted for printing in the Congressional Record
9 by the Chairman of the House Budget Committee, pro-
10 vided that such statement has been submitted prior to the
11 vote on passage.

Passed the House of Representatives November 17,
2020.

Attest: CHERYL L. JOHNSON,
Clerk.