

116<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# S. 2204

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## AN ACT

To allow the Federal Communications Commission to carry out a pilot program under which voice service providers could block certain automated calls, 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 “Data Analytics  
3 Robocall Technology Act of 2019” or the “DART Act of  
4 2019”.

5 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

6 In this Act—

7 (1) the term “Commission” means the Federal  
8 Communications Commission;

9 (2) the term “covered ruling” means the “De-  
10 claratory Ruling and Third Further Notice of Pro-  
11 posed Rulemaking in the matter of Advanced Meth-  
12 ods to Target and Eliminate Unlawful Robocalls”,  
13 adopted by the Commission on June 6, 2019 (FCC  
14 19–51; CG Docket No. 17–59);

15 (3) the term “public safety answering point”  
16 has the meaning given the term in section 222(h) of  
17 the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C.  
18 222(h)); and

19 (4) the term “voice service” means any service  
20 that—

21 (A) is interconnected with the public  
22 switched telephone network; and

23 (B) furnishes voice communications to an  
24 end user using resources from the North Amer-  
25 ican Numbering Plan or any successor to the  
26 North American Numbering Plan adopted by

1           the Commission under section 251(e)(1) of the  
2           Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C.  
3           251(e)(1)).

4 **SEC. 3. RULEMAKING.**

5           Not later than 18 months after the date of enactment  
6 of this Act, the Commission shall initiate a rulemaking  
7 to consider establishing a process under which the Com-  
8 mission shall maintain a list of numbers that are not eligi-  
9 ble to be blocked by a voice service provider, which may  
10 include a number used—

11           (1) for outgoing calls by a public safety answer-  
12           ing point or a similar facility that is designated to  
13           originate or route emergency calls;

14           (2) to originate calls from a government entity,  
15           such as a call generated during an emergency;

16           (3) by a school, or a similar institution, to pro-  
17           vide school-related notifications, such as a notifica-  
18           tion regarding—

19           (A) a weather-related closure; or

20           (B) the existence of an emergency affect-  
21           ing a school or students attending a school; and

22           (4) for similar or emergency purposes, as deter-  
23           mined appropriate by the Commission.

1 **SEC. 4. REPORTS ON DEPLOYMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION**  
2 **OF CALL BLOCKING AND CALLER ID AUTHEN-**  
3 **TICATION.**

4 Not later than 180 days after the date on which the  
5 Commission receives any report under paragraph 90 of the  
6 covered ruling, the Commission shall submit to the Com-  
7 mittee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the  
8 Senate and the Committee on Energy and Commerce of  
9 the House of Representatives—

10 (1) an analysis by the Commission with respect  
11 to the effectiveness of various categories of call  
12 blocking tools, as evaluated in the report; and

13 (2) any legislative recommendations of the  
14 Commission relating to the report.

15 **SEC. 5. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**

16 Nothing in this Act may be construed to impede or  
17 delay the analysis by the Commission of the most effective  
18 means by which to maintain and administer a list of num-  
19 bers that may not be blocked (referred to in the covered  
20 ruling as a “Critical Calls List”), as considered in the cov-  
21 ered ruling.

Passed the Senate December 19, 2020.

Attest:

*Secretary.*



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