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# H. R. 10332

To repeal section 230 of the Communications Act of 1934.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DESAULNIER (for himself and Mr. PATRONIS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## A BILL

To repeal section 230 of the Communications Act of 1934.

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 “Sunset Section 230  
5       Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. REPEAL OF SECTION 230.**

7       (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 230 of the Communica-  
8       tions Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 230) is repealed.

9       (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

10       (1) COMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1934.—The Com-  
11       munications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 151 et seq.) is  
12       amended—

1 (A) in section 223(h) (47 U.S.C. 223(h)),  
2 by striking paragraph (2) and inserting the fol-  
3 lowing:

4 “(2) The term ‘interactive computer service’  
5 means any information service, system, or access  
6 software provider that provides or enables computer  
7 access by multiple users to a computer server, in-  
8 cluding specifically a service or system that provides  
9 access to the Internet and such systems operated or  
10 services offered by libraries or educational institu-  
11 tions.”; and

12 (B) in section 231(b)(4) (47 U.S.C.  
13 231(b)(4)), by striking “or section 230”.

14 (2) TRADEMARK ACT OF 1946.—Section 45 of  
15 the Act entitled “An Act to provide for the registra-  
16 tion and protection of trademarks used in commerce,  
17 to carry out the provisions of certain international  
18 conventions, and for other purposes”, approved July  
19 5, 1946 (commonly known as the “Trademark Act  
20 of 1946”) (15 U.S.C. 1127), is amended by striking  
21 the definition relating to the term “Internet” and in-  
22 serting the following:

23 “The term ‘Internet’ means the international com-  
24 puter network of both Federal and non-Federal interoper-  
25 able packet switched data networks.”.

1           (3) TITLE 17, UNITED STATES CODE.—Section  
2       1401 of title 17, United States Code, is amended by  
3       striking subsection (g).

4           (4) TITLE 18, UNITED STATES CODE.—Part I of  
5       title 18, United States Code, is amended—

6           (A) in section 1462, by striking “(as de-  
7       fined in section 230(e)(2) of the Communica-  
8       tions Act of 1934)” each place the term ap-  
9       pears and inserting “(as defined in section 223  
10      of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C.  
11      223))”;

12          (B) in section 1465, by striking “(as de-  
13      fined in section 230(e)(2) of the Communica-  
14      tions Act of 1934)” and inserting “(as defined  
15      in section 223 of the Communications Act of  
16      1934 (47 U.S.C. 223))”;

17          (C) in section 2257(h)(2)(B)(v), by strik-  
18      ing “, except that deletion of a particular com-  
19      munication or material made by another person  
20      in a manner consistent with section 230(c) of  
21      the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C.  
22      230(c)) shall not constitute such selection or al-  
23      teration of the content of the communication”;  
24      and

25          (D) in section 2421A—

(i) in subsection (a), by striking “(as such term is defined in defined in section 230(f) the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 230(f)))” and inserting “(as that term is defined in section 223 of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 223))”; and

(ii) in subsection (b), by striking “(as such term is defined in defined in section 230(f) the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 230(f)))” and inserting “(as that term is defined in section 223 of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 223))”.

(5) CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT.—Section 401(h)(3)(A)(iii)(II) of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 841(h)(3)(A)(iii)(II)) is amended by striking “, except that deletion of a particular communication or material made by another person in a manner consistent with section 230(c) of the Communications Act of 1934 shall not constitute such selection or alteration of the content of the communication”.

(6) WEBB-KENYON ACT.—Section 3(b)(1) of the Act entitled “An Act divesting intoxicating liq-

uors of their interstate character in certain cases”,  
 approved March 1, 1913 (commonly known as the  
 “Webb-Kenyon Act”) (27 U.S.C. 122b(b)(1)), is  
 amended by striking “(as defined in section 230(f)  
 of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C.  
 230(f))” and inserting “(as defined in section 223 of  
 the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 223))”.

(7) TITLE 28, UNITED STATES CODE.—Section  
 4102 of title 28, United States Code, is amended—

(A) by striking subsection (c); and

(B) in subsection (e)—

(i) by striking “construed to” and all  
 that follows through “affect” and inserting  
 “construed to affect”; and

(ii) by striking “defamation; or” and  
 all that follows and inserting “defama-  
 tion.”.

(8) DANIEL ANDERL JUDICIAL SECURITY AND  
 PRIVACY ACT OF 2022.—Section 5933(7) of the Dan-  
 iel Anderl Judicial Security and Privacy Act of 2022  
 (28 U.S.C. 601 note prec.; Public Law 117–263) is  
 amended by striking “section 230 of the Commu-  
 nications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 230)” and insert-  
 ing “section 223 of the Communications Act of 1934  
 (47 U.S.C. 223)”.

1           (9) TITLE 31, UNITED STATES CODE.—Section  
2       5362(6) of title 31, United States Code, is amended  
3       by striking “section 230(f) of the Communications  
4       Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 230(f))” and inserting “sec-  
5       tion 223 of the Communications Act of 1934 (47  
6       U.S.C. 223)”.

7           (10) NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND IN-  
8       FORMATION ADMINISTRATION ORGANIZATION ACT.—  
9       Section 157 of the National Telecommunications  
10      and Information Administration Organization Act  
11      (47 U.S.C. 941) is amended—

12                 (A) by striking subsection (e); and

13                 (B) by redesignating subsections (f)  
14      through (j) as subsections (e) through (i), re-  
15      spectively.

16      (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
17      this section shall take effect on the date that is 2 years  
18      after the date of enactment of this Act.

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