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To amend title 18, United States Code, regarding access to stored communications and customer records, and for other purposes.

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Mr. NADLER (for himself and Mr. CONYERS) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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 “Electronic Communica-
5 tions Privacy Act Modernization Act of 2012”.

6 **SEC. 2. REQUIREMENT FOR WARRANT FOR ACCESS TO** 7 **CONTENTS; NOTICE RULES.**

8 (a) STANDARD FOR ACCESS TO STORED COMMUNICA-
9 TIONS.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 2703(a) of title 18,
2 United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

3 “(a) CONTENTS OF WIRE OR ELECTRONIC COMMU-
4 NICATIONS.—(1) A governmental entity may require the
5 disclosure by a provider of electronic communication serv-
6 ice or remote computing service of the contents of a wire
7 or electronic communication that is stored, held or main-
8 tained by that service only pursuant to—

9 “(A) a warrant complying with the Federal
10 Rules of Criminal Procedure and issued by a court
11 with jurisdiction over the offense under investigation
12 or equivalent State warrant; or

13 “(B) a court under title I or title VII of the
14 Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 (50
15 U.S.C. 1801 et seq. and 1881 et seq.).

16 “(2) Unless delayed notice is ordered under section
17 2705, not later than three days after a governmental enti-
18 ty receives contents of a communication under this sub-
19 section, the governmental entity shall notify the subscriber
20 or customer concerned of the matters required in notices
21 under, and by the means described in, paragraphs (4) and
22 (5) of section 2705(a).”.

23 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 2703
24 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by strik-
25 ing subsection (b).

1 (b) PROHIBITION ON DISCLOSURE OF CUSTOMER
2 COMMUNICATIONS OR RECORDS.—Section 2702(a)(3) of
3 title 18, United States Code, is amended to read as fol-
4 lows:

5 “(3) a provider of remote computing service or
6 electronic communication service to the public shall
7 not knowingly divulge to any governmental entity
8 the contents of any communication described in sec-
9 tion 2703(a) or any record or other information per-
10 taining to a subscriber to or customer of such serv-
11 ice.”.

12 (c) DELAYED NOTICE.—Section 2705 of title 18,
13 United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

14 **“SEC. 2705. DELAYED NOTICE.**

15 “(a) DELAY OF NOTIFICATION.—(1) A governmental
16 entity acting under section 2703(a) may, when a warrant
17 is sought, include in the application a request for an order
18 delaying the notification required under section 2703(a)
19 for a period not to exceed 90 days, and the court shall
20 issue the order if the court determines that there is reason
21 to believe that notification of the existence of the warrant
22 may have an adverse result.

23 “(2) In paragraph (1) the term ‘adverse result’
24 means—

1 “(A) endangering the life or physical safety of
2 an individual;

3 “(B) flight from prosecution;

4 “(C) destruction of or tampering with evidence;

5 “(D) intimidation of potential witnesses; or

6 “(E) otherwise seriously jeopardizing an inves-
7 tigation or unduly delaying a trial.

8 “(3) The court may, upon application, grant an ex-
9 tension of an order issued under paragraph (1), or of a
10 previous extension of such an order, for up to an addi-
11 tional 90 days.

12 “(4) Upon expiration of the period of delay granted
13 under this subsection, the governmental entity shall pro-
14 vide the customer or subscriber a copy of warrant together
15 with notice that—

16 “(A) states with reasonable specificity the na-
17 ture of the law enforcement inquiry; and

18 “(B) informs such customer or subscriber—

19 “(i) that information maintained for such
20 customer or subscriber by the service provider
21 named in such process or request was supplied
22 to or requested by that governmental authority
23 and the date on which the supplying or request
24 took place;

1 “(ii) that notification of such customer or
2 subscriber was delayed;

3 “(iii) what court made the determination
4 pursuant to which that delay was made; and

5 “(iv) which provision of this chapter al-
6 lowed such delay.

7 “(5) The method of providing matter required to be
8 provided under paragraph (4) may be by service upon the
9 person to whom the matter is to be provided, or delivery
10 by registered or first-class mail, electronic mail, or other
11 means reasonably calculated to be effective as specified by
12 the court issuing the warrant.

13 “(b) PRECLUSION OF NOTICE TO SUBJECT OF GOV-
14 ERNMENTAL ACCESS.—A governmental entity acting
15 under section 2703, to the extent that it may delay notice
16 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, may apply to
17 a court for an order commanding a provider of electronic
18 communications service or remote computing service to
19 whom a warrant is directed not to notify any other person
20 of the existence of the warrant. The court shall enter such
21 an order, or an extension of such an order (or earlier ex-
22 tension), for a period up to 90 days, if the court deter-
23 mines there is reason to believe that notification of the
24 existence of the warrant will result in an adverse result
25 as that term is defined in subsection (a)(2).”.

1 **SEC. 3. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 121 of title 18, United
3 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
4 lowing:

5 **“§ 2713. Reporting requirements**

6 “(a) GENERAL RULEMAKING AUTHORITY FOR RE-
7 PORTS UNDER THIS SECTION.—The Director of the Ad-
8 ministrative Office of the United States Courts may make
9 rules regarding the content and form of the reports re-
10 quired under this section and reports required under sec-
11 tion 3126.

12 “(b) REPORTS CONCERNING DISCLOSURES.—

13 “(1) TO ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE.—Not later
14 than 30 days after the issuance or denial of an order
15 or warrant compelling the disclosure of the contents
16 of any wire or electronic communication or records
17 or information under this chapter the issuing or de-
18 nying judge shall report to the Administrative Office
19 of the United States Courts—

20 “(A) the fact that an order was applied
21 for;

22 “(B) the type of order applied for;

23 “(C) whether the order was granted as ap-
24 plied for, was modified, or was denied;

1 “(D) whether the court also granted de-
2 layed notice and the number of times such
3 delay was granted;

4 “(E) the identity, including district where
5 applicable, of the applying investigative or law
6 enforcement agency making the application and
7 the person authorizing the application; and

8 “(F) the type of information or records
9 sought in the order.

10 “(2) TO CONGRESS.—In April of each year the
11 Director of the Administrative Office of the United
12 States Courts shall report to Congress with respect
13 to the preceding calendar year—

14 “(A) the overall total number of each of
15 the events described in the subparagraphs of
16 paragraph (1), regarding applications reported
17 to that Office; and

18 “(B) a summary and analysis of the data
19 described in paragraph (1).

20 “(c) REPORTS CONCERNING EMERGENCY DISCLO-
21 SURES.—

22 “(1) TO ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE.—In January
23 of each year, the Attorney General, the Secretary of
24 the Department of Homeland Security, the principal
25 prosecuting attorney of a State, and the principal

1 prosecuting attorney for any political subdivision of
2 a State shall report to the Administrative Office of
3 the United States Courts—

4 “(A) the number of accounts from which
5 voluntary disclosures were made under sections
6 (b)(8), (c)(4), or (e) of section 2702; and

7 “(B) a summary of the basis for disclosure
8 in those instances where—

9 “(i) voluntary disclosures under sec-
10 tion 2702(b)(8) were made; and

11 “(ii) the investigation pertaining to
12 those disclosures was closed without the
13 filing of criminal charges.

14 “(2) TO CONGRESS.—In April of each year the
15 Director of the Administrative Office of the United
16 States Courts shall report to Congress with respect
17 to the preceding calendar year—

18 “(A) the number of voluntary disclosures
19 described in paragraph (1) that were made dur-
20 ing the preceding calendar year; and

21 “(B) a summary and analysis of the infor-
22 mation required to be reported by paragraph
23 (1).

24 “(d) PROVIDER REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—

1 “(1) TO ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE.—Except as
2 provided in paragraph (2), in January of each year
3 each provider of electronic communication service or
4 remote computing services shall report with respect
5 to the preceding calendar year to the Administrative
6 Office of the United States Courts—

7 “(A) the number of legal demands received
8 from Federal law enforcement agencies during
9 the preceding calendar year for records con-
10 cerning electronic communication service or re-
11 mote computing service;

12 “(B) the number of legal demands received
13 from Federal law enforcement agencies during
14 the preceding calendar year for the contents of
15 wire or electronic communications in an elec-
16 tronic communications service or a remote com-
17 puting service;

18 “(C) the number of legal demands received
19 from State and local law enforcement agencies
20 during the preceding calendar year for records
21 concerning electronic communication service or
22 remote computing service;

23 “(D) the number of legal demands received
24 from State and local law enforcement agencies
25 during the preceding calendar year for the con-

1 tents of wire or electronic communications in an
2 electronic communications service or a remote
3 computing service; and

4 “(E) the number of accounts about which
5 information, including subscriber or customer
6 information, was disclosed, specifying the num-
7 bers disclosed pursuant to legal demand and
8 the numbers disclosed voluntarily, to Federal,
9 State, or local law enforcement agencies.

10 “(2) EXCEPTIONS.—The requirement of para-
11 graph (1) does not apply to a provider of electronic
12 communication services or remote computing serv-
13 ices that, during the reporting period—

14 “(A) received less than 50 requests com-
15 bined from law enforcement agencies;

16 “(B) disclosed account information con-
17 cerning less than 100 subscribers or customers;
18 or

19 “(C) had less than 100,000 total cus-
20 tomers or subscribers at the end of the calendar
21 year.

22 “(3) COMPENSATION.—The Director of the Ad-
23 ministrative Office of the United States Court may
24 provide reasonable compensation to a provider for

1 the costs of compiling a report required under this
2 subsection.

3 “(4) CONFIDENTIALITY OF IDENTITY OF SERV-
4 ICE PROVIDERS.—The Director of the Administra-
5 tive Office of the United States Courts shall estab-
6 lish procedures to prevent the release to the public
7 of the identity of service providers with respect to
8 disclosures they make under this subsection.

9 “(5) TO CONGRESS.—In April of each year, the
10 Director of the Administrative Office of the United
11 States Courts shall report to Congress with respect
12 to the preceding calendar year—

13 “(A) the total numbers of legal demands
14 and of disclosures required to be reported under
15 paragraph (1); and

16 “(B) a summary and analysis of the infor-
17 mation required to be reported by paragraph
18 (1), but without disclosing the identity of any
19 service provider with respect to the disclosures
20 to law enforcement that service provider
21 made.”.

22 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
23 at the beginning of chapter 121 of title 18, United States
24 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new
25 item:

“2713. Reporting requirements.”.

1 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 2702 of
2 title 18, United States Code, is amended by striking sub-
3 section (d).

4 **SEC. 4. REPORT REGARDING MOBILE TRACKING DEVICES.**

5 Not later than two years after the date of the enact-
6 ment of this subsection, the Attorney General shall com-
7 plete a study to determine trends relating to the frequency
8 and effectiveness of the use of mobile tracking devices
9 under section 3117 and report the results of that study
10 to Congress.

11 **SEC. 5. REPORTS CONCERNING PEN REGISTERS AND TRAP**
12 **AND TRACE DEVICES.**

13 Section 3126 of title 18 is amended to read as fol-
14 lows:

15 **“§ 3126. Reports concerning pen registers and trap**
16 **and trace devices**

17 “(a) TO ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE.—Not later than
18 30 days after the expiration of an order (or each extension
19 thereof) entered under section 3123, or the denial of an
20 order for a pen register or trap and trace device, the
21 issuing or denying judge shall report to the Administrative
22 Office of the United States Courts—

23 “(1) the fact that an order or extension was ap-
24 plied for;

1 “(2) whether the order or extension was grant-
2 ed as applied for, was modified, or was denied;

3 “(3) the period of interceptions authorized by
4 the order, and the number and duration of any ex-
5 tensions of the order;

6 “(4) the offense specified in the order or appli-
7 cation, or extension of an order;

8 “(5) the number and nature of the facilities af-
9 fected; and

10 “(6) the identity, including district, of the ap-
11 plying investigative or law enforcement agency mak-
12 ing the application and the person authorizing the
13 order.

14 “(b) TO CONGRESS.—In April of each year the Direc-
15 tor of the Administrative Office of the United States
16 Courts shall report to Congress with respect to the pre-
17 ceding calendar year—

18 “(1) the number of applications for pen register
19 orders and orders for trap and trace devices; and

20 “(2) a summary and analysis of the information
21 required to be reported by subsection (a).”.

1 **SEC. 6. TRANSITION PROVISION RELATED TO REPORTING**
2 **REQUIREMENTS UNDER AMENDMENTS MADE**
3 **BY THIS ACT.**

4 (a) FOR REPORTS TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE OF-
5 FICE.—Any requirement to report to the Administrative
6 Office of the United States Courts contained in an amend-
7 ment made by this Act shall not take effect until the be-
8 ginning of the first January that begins one year or later
9 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

10 (b) FOR REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—Any requirement
11 for a report to Congress contained in an amendment made
12 by this Act shall not take effect until reports have been
13 required to be made under that amendment to the Admin-
14 istrative Office of the United States Courts pursuant to
15 subsection (a) for an entire calendar year.

16 **SEC. 7. MAKING SUPPRESSION REMEDIES THE SAME FOR**
17 **INTERCEPTED WIRE, ORAL, AND ELEC-**
18 **TRONIC COMMUNICATIONS.**

19 (a) SECTION 2518 AMENDMENTS.—Section 2518(10)
20 of title 18, United States Code, is amended—

21 (1) in paragraph (a), by striking “wire” and in-
22 serting “electronic, wire,”; and

23 (2) by striking paragraph (c).

1 (b) SECTION 2515 AMENDMENT.—Section 2515 of
2 title 18, United States Code, is amended by striking
3 “wire” and inserting “electronic, wire,”.

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