

113TH CONGRESS  
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# S. 481

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 6, 2013

Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. LEE, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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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 “Wireless Consumer  
5 Choice Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FCC DIRECTION TO WIRELESS PROVIDERS.**

7 Pursuant to its authorities under title III of the Com-  
8 munications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 301 et seq.), the Fed-  
9 eral Communications Commission, not later than 180 days

1 after the date of enactment of this Act, shall direct pro-  
2 viders of commercial mobile services and commercial mo-  
3 bile data services to permit the subscribers of such serv-  
4 ices, or the agent of such subscribers, to unlock any type  
5 of wireless device used to access such services. Nothing  
6 in this Act alters, or shall be construed to alter, the terms  
7 of any valid contract between a provider and a subscriber.

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