

114TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 5572

To require the Federal Communications Commission to complete a rulemaking proceeding relating to placing unauthorized charges on the telecommunications bill of a consumer.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 23, 2016

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY (for herself, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Mr. GRIJALVA, and Mr. HONDA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 “Protect Consumers
5 from Phony Phone Charges Act of 2016”.

6 **SEC. 2. RULEMAKING RELATING TO CRAMMING.**

7 (a) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “cram-
8 ming” means the act of placing unauthorized charges on

1 a wireline, wireless, or bundled services telephone bill of
2 a consumer.

3 (b) RULEMAKING.—Not later than 2 years after the
4 date of enactment of this Act, the Federal Communica-
5 tions Commission shall complete a rulemaking proceeding
6 relating to cramming, during which the Commission shall
7 consider whether to issue a rule to require blocking the
8 placement of third-party charges on a wireline, wireless,
9 or bundled services telephone bill of a consumer under the
10 criteria upon which the Commission relied when the Com-
11 mission entered into a consent decree relating to cram-
12 ming with any mobile voice and data service provider.

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