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To require the Federal Communications Commission to prescribe regulations on caller identification information authentication technology, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SCHNEIDER 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 “Discourage Dishonest
5 Dialing Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REGULATIONS RELATING TO CALLER IDENTIFICA-**
2 **TION INFORMATION AUTHENTICATION STAN-**
3 **DARDS.**

4 (a) REQUIREMENTS FOR CALLER IDENTIFICATION
5 INFORMATION AUTHENTICATION TECHNOLOGY.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after
7 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Commis-
8 sion shall prescribe regulations that—

9 (A) require providers of voice service to im-
10 plement, by a date specified by the Commission,
11 caller identification information authentication
12 technology that has the ability to—

13 (i) verify that any caller identification
14 information transmitted in connection with
15 a call (including a call originating outside
16 the United States if the recipient is within
17 the United States) is accurate; and

18 (ii) alert a subscriber, through a dis-
19 tinctive ringtone, distinctive caller identi-
20 fication information, automatic message, or
21 some other method determined to be ap-
22 propriate and technologically feasible by
23 the Commission in consultation with pro-
24 viders of voice services, that a call is not
25 able to be verified as described in subpara-
26 graph (A), whether because a person has

1 blocked the capability of a caller identifica-
2 tion service to transmit such information
3 in accordance with paragraph (2) of sec-
4 tion 227(e) of the Communications Act of
5 1934 (47 U.S.C. 227(e)) or otherwise; and
6 (B) in consultation with providers of voice
7 services, provide a method for exempting from
8 the requirements of subparagraph (A) informa-
9 tion that is exempted under the regulations pro-
10 mulgated under paragraph (3) of section 227(e)
11 of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C.
12 227(e)) from the prohibition under paragraph
13 (1) of such section.

14 (2) NO ADDITIONAL COST TO SUBSCRIBERS.—
15 Such regulations shall prohibit providers of voice
16 service from making any additional charge to sub-
17 scribers for the caller identification information au-
18 thentication technology required under paragraph
19 (1).

20 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

21 (1) CALLER IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION.—
22 The term “caller identification information” has the
23 meaning given such term in section 227(e)(8) of the
24 Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 227(e)(8)).

1 (2) CALLER IDENTIFICATION SERVICE.—The
2 term “caller identification service” has the meaning
3 given such term in section 227(e)(8) of the Commu-
4 nications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 227(e)(8)).

5 (3) COMMISSION.—The term “Commission”
6 means the Federal Communications Commission.

7 (4) VOICE SERVICE.—The term “voice service”
8 has the meaning given such term in section
9 227(e)(8) of the Communications Act of 1934 (47
10 U.S.C. 227(e)(8)). This paragraph shall apply before
11 the effective date of the amendment made to such
12 section by subparagraph (C) of section 503(a)(2) of
13 division P of the Consolidated Appropriations Act,
14 2018 (Public Law 115–141) as if such amendment
15 was already in effect.

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