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115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION**S. 1769****[Report No. 115–195]**

To require a new or updated Federal website that is intended for use by the public to be mobile friendly, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 7, 2017

Ms. HASSAN (for herself, Mr. GARDNER, and Mrs. MCCASKILL) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

DECEMBER 14, 2017

Reported by Mr. JOHNSON, with an amendment

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italic*]**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 “Connected Government
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FEDERAL WEBSITES REQUIRED TO BE MOBILE**
2 **FRIENDLY.**

3 (a) ~~IN GENERAL.—If, on or after the date that is~~
4 ~~6 months after the date of the enactment of this Act, an~~
5 ~~agency creates a website that is intended for use by the~~
6 ~~public or updates a website that is intended for use by~~
7 ~~the public, the agency shall ensure that the website is mo-~~
8 ~~bile friendly.~~

9 (b) ~~REPORT BY GSA REQUIRED.—Not later than 18~~
10 ~~months after the date of the enactment of this Act, the~~
11 ~~Administrator of General Services shall submit a report~~
12 ~~that describes the implementation of the requirement de-~~
13 ~~scribed under subsection (a) and assesses the compliance~~
14 ~~of each agency with such requirement to each of the fol-~~
15 ~~lowing:~~

16 (1) ~~The Committee on Energy and Commerce~~
17 ~~of the House of Representatives.~~

18 (2) ~~The Committee on Commerce, Science, and~~
19 ~~Transportation of the Senate.~~

20 (3) ~~The Committee on Oversight and Govern-~~
21 ~~ment Reform of the House of Representatives.~~

22 (4) ~~The Committee on Homeland Security and~~
23 ~~Governmental Affairs of the Senate.~~

24 (c) ~~DEFINITIONS.—In this section:~~

1 (1) AGENCY.—The term “agency” has the
 2 meaning given that term in section 551 of title 5,
 3 United States Code.

4 (2) MOBILE FRIENDLY.—The term “mobile
 5 friendly” means, with respect to a website, that the
 6 website is configured in such a way that the website
 7 may be navigated and viewed on a smartphone, tab-
 8 let computer, or similar mobile device.

9 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

10 *This Act may be cited as the “Connected Government*
 11 *Act”.*

12 **SEC. 2. FEDERAL WEBSITES REQUIRED TO BE MOBILE**
 13 **FRIENDLY.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—If, on or after the date that is 180
 15 days after the date of enactment of this Act, an agency cre-
 16 ates a website that is intended for use by the public or con-
 17 ducts a redesign of an existing legacy website that is in-
 18 tended for use by the public, the agency shall ensure to the
 19 greatest extent practicable that the website is mobile friend-
 20 ly.

21 (b) REPORT BY OMB AND GSA REQUIRED.—Not later
 22 than 18 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the
 23 Director of the Office of Management and Budget and the
 24 Administrator of General Services shall submit to Congress
 25 a report that—

1 (1) *describes the implementation of the require-*
2 *ment described under subsection (a); and*

3 (2) *assesses the compliance of each agency with*
4 *the requirement described under subsection (a).*

5 (c) *DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

6 (1) *AGENCY.—The term “agency” has the mean-*
7 *ing given that term in section 551 of title 5, United*
8 *States Code.*

9 (2) *MOBILE FRIENDLY.—The term “mobile*
10 *friendly” means, with respect to a website, that the*
11 *website is configured in such a way that the website*
12 *may be navigated, viewed, and accessed on a*
13 *smartphone, tablet computer, or similar mobile de-*
14 *vice.*

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