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H. R. 6942

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 19, 2020

Mr. KINZINGER 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 “Internet Application
5 Integrity and Disclosure Act” or the “Internet Application
6 I.D. Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. CHINESE OWNERSHIP DISCLOSURE REQUIRE-**
2 **MENTS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—

4 (1) DISCLOSURE.—Any person that maintains
5 an internet website or that sells or distributes a mo-
6 bile application that is owned, wholly or partially, by
7 the Chinese Communist Party or by a non-state
8 owned entity located in China, shall disclose to any
9 individual who downloads or otherwise uses such ap-
10 plication, in a clear and conspicuous manner, that
11 such website or mobile application is owned, wholly
12 or partially, by the Chinese Communist Party or by
13 a non-state owned entity located in China.

14 (2) FALSE INFORMATION.—It shall be unlawful
15 for any person to knowingly provide false informa-
16 tion with respect to the information required under
17 this subsection.

18 **SEC. 3. ENFORCEMENT.**

19 (a) UNFAIR AND DECEPTIVE ACTS OR PRACTICES.—

20 (1) A violation of this Act shall be treated as
21 a violation of a rule defining an unfair or deceptive
22 act or practice prescribed under section 18(a)(1)(B)
23 of the Federal Trade Commission Act (15 U.S.C.
24 57a(a)(1)(B)).

25 (b) POWERS OF THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMIS-
26 SION.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Federal Trade Commis-
2 sion shall enforce this Act in the same manner, by
3 the same means, and with the same jurisdiction,
4 powers, and duties as though all applicable terms
5 and provisions of the Federal Trade Commission Act
6 (15 U.S.C. 41 et seq.) were incorporated into and
7 made a part of this Act.

8 (2) PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES.—Any person
9 that violates this Act shall be subject to the pen-
10 alties (including the provisions of subsections (l) and
11 (m) of section 5 of such Act which provide for a
12 maximum civil penalty per violation of \$42,350 (as
13 of February 14, 2019)), and entitled to the privi-
14 leges and immunities, provided in the Federal Trade
15 Commission Act (15 U.S.C. 41 et seq.).

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