

116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 626

To repeal debt collection amendments made by the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 28, 2019

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

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 “Help Americans Never
5 Get Unwanted Phone calls Act of 2019” or the “HANG-
6 UP Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REPEAL OF DEBT COLLECTION AMENDMENTS;**
 2 **CLARIFYING COVERAGE WITH RESPECT TO**
 3 **GOVERNMENT CONTRACTORS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Communications Act of 1934
 5 (47 U.S.C. 151 et seq.) is amended—

6 (1) in section 3 (47 U.S.C. 153), by striking
 7 paragraph (39) and inserting the following:

8 “(39) PERSON.—The term ‘person’—

9 “(A) includes an individual, partnership,
 10 association, joint-stock company, trust, or cor-
 11 poration; and

12 “(B) for the purposes of section 227, in-
 13 cludes—

14 “(i) a contractor of—

15 “(I) the United States Govern-
 16 ment; or

17 “(II) any State or local govern-
 18 ment; and

19 “(ii) an entity of any legal form.”;

20 and

21 (2) in section 227(b) (47 U.S.C. 227(b))—

22 (A) in paragraph (1)—

23 (i) in subparagraph (A)(iii), by strik-
 24 ing “, unless such call is made solely to
 25 collect a debt owed to or guaranteed by the
 26 United States”; and

1 (ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking
 2 “, is made solely pursuant to the collection
 3 of a debt owed to or guaranteed by the
 4 United States,”; and
 5 (B) in paragraph (2)—

6 (i) in subparagraph (F)(ii), by adding
 7 “and” at the end;

8 (ii) in subparagraph (G)(ii), by strik-
 9 ing “; and” at the end and inserting a pe-
 10 riod; and

11 (iii) by striking subparagraph (H).

12 (b) REGULATIONS.—Section 301(b) of the Bipartisan
 13 Budget Act of 2015 (47 U.S.C. 227 note) is repealed.

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