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S. 806

To prohibit the collection of data or information generated on the internet.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. KENNEDY introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred
to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

A BILL

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on the internet.

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 “Own Your Own Data
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROTECTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION GEN-**
7 **ERATED ON INTERNET.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Each individual owns and has an
9 exclusive property right in the data that an individual gen-
10 erates on the internet under section 5 of the Federal
11 Trade Commission Act (15 U.S.C. 45).

1 (b) SOCIAL MEDIA COMPANIES.—

2 (1) IN GENERAL.—Each social media company
3 shall—

4 (A) have a prominently and conspicuously
5 displayed icon each user may click to obtain a
6 copy of the user’s data with any analysis of the
7 user’s data performed by the social media com-
8 pany;

9 (B) have a prominently and conspicuously
10 displayed icon each user may click to easily ex-
11 port the user’s data with any analysis of the
12 user’s data performed by the social media com-
13 pany;

14 (C) require that each user, during the reg-
15 istration of an account, knowingly and willfully
16 enter into a licensing agreement—

17 (i) that uses plain language that a
18 reasonable person of average intelligence
19 can understand the first time the person
20 reads or hears the licensing agreement;

21 (ii) in which the user agrees to license
22 the user’s data to the social media com-
23 pany; and

1 (iii) that is no longer than 500 words,
2 using a measure of 6 characters to a word;
3 and

4 (D) have an icon each user may click to
5 cancel immediately the license agreement.

6 (2) REGULATIONS.—The Federal Trade Com-
7 mission shall promulgate regulations carrying out
8 this subsection, which shall be approved by Con-
9 gress.

10 (c) ENFORCEMENT.—The Federal Trade Commission
11 shall enforce the provisions of this Act.

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