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To establish privacy protections for customers of broadband Internet access service and other telecommunications services.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. Markey (for himself, Mr. Blumenthal, Ms. Warren, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Merkley, Mr. Heinrich, Mr. Udall, Mr. Leahy, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Van Hollen, and Mr. Franken) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

A BILL

To establish privacy protections for customers of broadband Internet access service and other telecommunications services.

- 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. PRIVACY OF CUSTOMERS OF BROADBAND
- 4 INTERNET ACCESS SERVICE AND OTHER
- 5 TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES.
- 6 (a) In General.—Section 222 of the Communica-
- 7 tions Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 222) is amended—

1	(1) by redesignating subsection (h) as sub-
2	section (i); and
3	(2) by inserting after subsection (g) the fol-
4	lowing:
5	"(h) Privacy of Customers of Broadband
6	INTERNET ACCESS SERVICE AND OTHER TELECOMMUNI-
7	CATIONS SERVICES.—
8	"(1) Definitions.—In this subsection—
9	"(A) the term 'broadband Internet access
10	service' has the meaning given the term in sec-
11	tion 8.2 of title 47, Code of Federal Regula-
12	tions, or any successor regulation;
13	"(B) the term 'customer' means—
14	"(i) a current or former subscriber to
15	a telecommunications service; or
16	"(ii) an applicant for a telecommuni-
17	cations service;
18	"(C) the term 'customer proprietary infor-
19	mation' means, with respect to information or
20	content that a telecommunications carrier ac-
21	quires in connection with its provision of tele-
22	communications service—
23	"(i) individually identifiable customer
24	proprietary network information;

1	"(ii) personally identifiable informa-
2	tion; and
3	"(iii) content of communications;
4	"(D) the term 'opt-in approval' means a
5	method for a telecommunications carrier to ob-
6	tain customer consent to use, disclose, or per-
7	mit access to the customer's customer propri-
8	etary information that requires that the tele-
9	communications carrier obtain from the cus-
10	tomer affirmative, express consent allowing the
11	requested usage, disclosure, or access to the
12	customer proprietary information after the cus-
13	tomer is provided appropriate notification of the
14	carrier's request;
15	"(E) the term 'sensitive customer propri-
16	etary information' includes—
17	"(i) financial information;
18	"(ii) health information;
19	"(iii) information pertaining to chil-
20	dren;
21	"(iv) Social Security numbers;
22	"(v) precise geolocation information;
23	"(vi) content of communications;
24	"(vii) call detail information;

1	"(viii) web browsing history, applica-
2	tion usage history, and the functional
3	equivalents of either; and
4	"(ix) any other customary proprietary
5	information that the Commission deter-
6	mines to be sensitive; and
7	"(F) the term 'telecommunications service'
8	includes broadband Internet access service and
9	interconnected VoIP service.
10	"(2) Regulations.—In carrying out this sec-
11	tion, the Commission shall promulgate regulations to
12	protect the privacy of customers of telecommuni-
13	cations service.
14	"(3) Contents.—In promulgating regulations
15	under paragraph (2), the Commission shall—
16	"(A) require a telecommunications carrier
17	to notify a customer about the collection, use,
18	and sharing of his or her customer proprietary
19	information, including by—
20	"(i) notifying the customer about the
21	types of customer proprietary information
22	the carrier collects;
23	"(ii) specifying how and for what pur-
24	poses the carrier uses and shares customer
25	proprietary information; and

1	"(iii) identifying the types of entities
2	with which the carrier shares customer
3	proprietary information;
4	"(B) require a telecommunications carrier
5	to—
6	"(i) provide the notification under
7	subparagraph (A) to a customer at the
8	point of sale, before the purchase of serv-
9	ice; and
10	"(ii) update a customer when the car-
11	rier makes a material change to a privacy
12	policy, including any of the policies de-
13	scribed in subparagraph (A);
14	"(C) require a telecommunications carrier
15	to obtain opt-in approval from a customer to
16	use and share his or her sensitive customer pro-
17	prietary information;
18	"(D) implement strong protection for de-
19	identified customary proprietary information, to
20	prevent re-identifying such information;
21	"(E) prohibit a telecommunications carrier
22	from refusing to serve a customer who doesn't
23	consent to the use and sharing of his or her
24	customer proprietary information for commer-

1	cial purposes (commonly known as 'take-it-or-
2	leave-it offers'); and
3	"(F) require a telecommunications carrier
4	to—
5	"(i) develop reasonable data security
6	practices; and
7	"(ii) notify customers if a breach of
8	security has occurred.".
9	(b) Deadline.—The Federal Communications Com-
10	mission—
11	(1) not later than 180 days after the date of
12	enactment of this Act, shall promulgate regulations
13	under section 222(h)(2) of the Communications Act
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14	of 1934 (47 U.S.C. $222(h)(2)$), as added by sub-
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15	of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 222(h)(2)), as added by subsection (a); and