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To amend the Communications Act of 1934 to prohibit manipulation of caller identification information, and for other purposes.

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Mr. ENGEL (for himself and Mr. BARTON of Texas) 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 “Truth in Caller ID
5 Act of 2007”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION REGARDING MANIPULATION OF**
7 **CALLER IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION.**

8 Section 227 of the Communications Act of 1934 (47
9 U.S.C. 227) is amended—

1 (1) by redesignating subsections (e), (f), and
2 (g) as subsections (f), (g), and (h), respectively; and

3 (2) by inserting after subsection (d) the fol-
4 lowing new subsection:

5 “(e) PROHIBITION ON PROVISION OF DECEPTIVE
6 CALLER IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION.—

7 “(1) IN GENERAL.—It shall be unlawful for any
8 person within the United States, in connection with
9 any telecommunications service or VOIP service, to
10 cause any caller identification service to transmit
11 misleading or inaccurate caller identification infor-
12 mation, with the intent to defraud or cause harm.

13 “(2) PROTECTION FOR BLOCKING CALLER
14 IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION.—Nothing in this
15 subsection may be construed to prevent or restrict
16 any person from blocking the capability of any caller
17 identification service to transmit caller identification
18 information.

19 “(3) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 6 months
20 after the enactment of this subsection, the Commis-
21 sion shall prescribe regulations to implement this
22 subsection.

23 “(4) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this sub-
24 section:

1 “(A) CALLER IDENTIFICATION INFORMA-
2 TION.—The term ‘caller identification informa-
3 tion’ means information provided to an end
4 user by a caller identification service regarding
5 the telephone number of, or other information
6 regarding the origination of, a call made using
7 a telecommunications service or VOIP service.

8 “(B) CALLER IDENTIFICATION SERVICE.—
9 The term ‘caller identification service’ means
10 any service or device designed to provide the
11 user of the service or device with the telephone
12 number of, or other information regarding the
13 origination of, a call made using a telecommuni-
14 cations service or VOIP service. Such term in-
15 cludes automatic number identification services.

16 “(C) VOIP SERVICE.—The term ‘VOIP
17 service’ means a service that—

18 “(i) provides real-time voice commu-
19 nications transmitted through end user
20 equipment using TCP/IP protocol, or a
21 successor protocol, for a fee or without a
22 fee;

23 “(ii) is offered to the public, or such
24 classes of users as to be effectively avail-

1 able to the public (whether part of a bun-
2 dle of services or separately); and

3 “(iii) has the capability to originate
4 traffic to, and terminate traffic from, the
5 public switched telephone network.

6 “(5) SAVINGS PROVISION.—Nothing in this Act
7 may be construed to affect or alter the application
8 of the Commission’s regulations regarding the re-
9 quirements for transmission of caller identification
10 information for telemarketing calls, issued pursuant
11 to the Telephone Consumer Protection Act of 1991
12 (Public Law 102–243) and the amendments made
13 by such Act.”.

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