1	HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION		
2	STATE OF OKLAHOMA		
3	1st Session of the 58th Legislature (2021)		
4	HOUSE BILL 1627 By: Mize of the House		
5	and		
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9	AS INTRODUCED		
10	An Act relating to consumer protection; creating the		
11	information; requiring high-volume third-party sellers disclose certain information; requiring reporting mechanism; requiring verification of information; providing for annual information		
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14	updates; providing for enforcement by the Attorney  General; limiting authority to regulate online		
15	marketplaces; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.		
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18	BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:		
19	SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified		
20	in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 799A.1 of Title 15, unless there		
21	is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:		
22	This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Online		
23	Marketplace Consumer Protection Act".		
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SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 799A.2 of Title 15, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

As used in the Online Marketplace Consumer Protection Act:

- 1. "Consumer product" means any tangible personal property which is distributed in commerce and which is normally used for personal, family or household purposes, including any such property intended to be attached to or installed in any real property without regard to whether it is so attached or installed;
- 2. "High-volume third-party seller" means a participant in an online marketplace who is a third-party seller and who, in any continuous twelve-month period during the previous twenty-four (24) months, has entered into two hundred (200) or more discrete sales or transactions of new or unused consumer products resulting in the accumulation of an aggregate total of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) or more in gross revenues;
- 3. "Online marketplace" means any electronically based or accessed platform that:
  - a. includes features that allow for, facilitate or enable third-party sellers to engage in the sale, purchase, payment, storage, shipping or delivery of a consumer product in the United States, and
  - b. hosts one or more third-party sellers;

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- 4. "Seller" means a person who sells, offers to sell or contracts to sell a consumer product through an online marketplace;
- 5. "Third-party seller" means any seller, independent of an operator, facilitator or owner of an online marketplace, who sells, offers to sell or contracts to sell a consumer product in the United States through an online marketplace. The term third-party seller does not include a seller who:
  - a. is a business entity that has made available to the general public the entity's name, business address and working contact information,
  - b. has an ongoing contractual relationship with the operator, facilitator or owner of the online marketplace to provide for the manufacture, distribution, wholesaling or fulfillment of shipments of consumer products, and
  - c. has provided to the online marketplace identifying information, as described in Section 3 of this act, that has been verified pursuant to that section; and
- 6. "Verify" means to confirm information provided to an online marketplace pursuant to this act by the use of:
  - a. a third-party or proprietary identity verification system that has the capability to confirm a seller's name, email address, physical address and phone number, or

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- b. a combination of two-factor authentication, public records search and the presentation of a governmentissued identification.
- SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 799A.3 of Title 15, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:
- A. Online marketplaces shall require that any high-volume third-party seller on the online marketplace provide the online marketplace with the following information within twenty-four (24) hours of becoming a high-volume third-party seller:
- 1. Bank account information, the accuracy of which has been confirmed directly by the online marketplace or by a payment processor or other third party contracted by the online marketplace, or, if the high-volume third-party seller does not have a bank account, the name of the payee for payments issued by the online marketplace to the high-volume third-party seller. Such bank account or payee information may be provided by the seller either:
  - a. to the online marketplace, or
  - b. to a payment processor or other third party contracted by the online marketplace to maintain such information, provided that the online marketplace may obtain such information on demand from such payment processor or other third party;
  - 2. Contact information, including:

- a. if the high-volume third-party seller is an individual, a copy of a government-issued photo identification for the individual that includes the individual's name and physical address, or
- b. if the high-volume third-party seller is not an individual, either:
  - (1) a copy of a government-issued photo identification for an individual acting on behalf of the high-volume third-party seller that includes the individual's name and physical address, or
  - (2) a copy of a government-issued record or tax document that includes the business name and physical address of the high-volume third-party seller, and
- c. a working email address and working phone number for the high-volume third-party seller;
- 3. A business tax identification number or, if the high-volume third-party seller does not have a business tax identification number, a taxpayer identification number; and
- 4. Whether the high-volume third-party seller is exclusively advertising or offering the consumer product or products on the online marketplace or if the high-volume third-party seller is currently advertising or offering for sale the same consumer product

- or products on any other Internet websites other than the online marketplace.
- B. The online marketplace shall verify the information provided by the high-volume third-party seller pursuant to subsection A of this section within three (3) days, and shall verify within three (3) days any changes to such information that is provided to the online marketplace by a high-volume third-party seller. If a high-volume third-party seller provides a copy of a valid government-issued tax document, information contained within such tax document shall be presumed to be verified as of the date of issuance of such record or document.
- C. The online marketplace shall, on at least an annual basis, notify each high-volume third-party seller on the online marketplace that the seller must inform the online marketplace of any changes to the information provided by the seller pursuant to subsection A of this section within three (3) days of receiving the notification and shall instruct each high-volume third-party seller, as part of the notification, to electronically certify either that the seller's information is unchanged or that the seller is providing changes to the information. If the online marketplace becomes aware that a high-volume third-party seller has neither certified that the seller's information is unchanged nor has not provided such changed information within three (3) days of receiving such notification, the online marketplace shall suspend the high-volume third-party

seller's participation on the online marketplace until the seller
has either certified that the seller's information is unchanged or
has provided such changed information and the information has been
verified.

- SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 799A.4 of Title 15, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:
- A. Any online marketplace shall require a high-volume thirdparty seller in such online marketplace to provide, and shall
  disclose to consumers in a conspicuous manner either on the product
  listing or, for information other than the seller's full name,
  through a conspicuously placed link on the product listing, the
  following information:
- 1. Subject to subsection B of this section, the identity of the high-volume third-party seller, which shall include:
  - a. the full name of the high-volume third-party seller,
  - b. the full physical address of the high-volume thirdparty seller,
  - c. whether the high-volume third-party seller also engages in the manufacturing, importing or reselling of consumer products, and
  - d. contact information for the high-volume third-party seller, including a working phone number and working email address. Such working email address may be

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- provided to the high-volume third-party seller by the online marketplace; and
  - 2. Any other information determined to be necessary to address circumvention or evasion of the requirements of this subsection, provided that the additional information is limited to what is necessary to address such circumvention or evasion.
  - B. Subject to subsection C of this section, upon the request of a high-volume third-party seller, an online marketplace may provide for partial disclosure of the identity information required under paragraph 1 of subsection A of this section in the following situations:
  - 1. If the high-volume third-party seller demonstrates to the online marketplace that the seller does not have a business address and only has a residential street address, the online marketplace may direct the high-volume third-party seller to disclose only the country and, if applicable, the state in which the high-volume third-party seller resides on the product listing, and may inform consumers that there is no business address available for the seller and that consumer inquiries should be submitted to the seller by phone or email;
  - 2. If the high-volume third-party seller demonstrates to the online marketplace that the seller is a business that has a physical address for product returns, the online marketplace may direct the

- high-volume third-party seller to disclose the seller's physical address for product returns; or
- 3. If a high-volume third-party seller demonstrates to the online marketplace that the seller does not have a phone number other than a personal phone number, the online marketplace shall inform consumers that there is no phone number available for the seller and that consumer inquiries should be submitted to the seller's email address.
- C. If an online marketplace becomes aware that a high-volume third-party seller has made a false representation to the online marketplace in order to justify the provision of a partial disclosure under subsection B of this section or that a high-volume third-party seller who has requested and received a provision for a partial disclosure under subsection B of this section has not provided responsive answers within a reasonable timeframe to consumer inquiries submitted to the seller by phone or email address, the online marketplace shall withdraw its provision for partial disclosure and require the full disclosure of the high-volume third-party seller's identity information required under paragraph 1 of subsection A of this section upon three (3) business days' notice to the high-volume third-party seller.
- SECTION 5. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 799A.5 of Title 15, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

An online marketplace shall disclose to consumers, in a conspicuous manner on the product listing of any high-volume third-party seller, a reporting mechanism that allows for electronic and telephonic reporting of suspicious marketplace activity to the online marketplace and a message encouraging individuals seeking goods for purchase to report suspicious activity to the online marketplace.

SECTION 6. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 799A.6 of Title 15, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

In addition to the requirements of Section 4 of this act, an online marketplace that warehouses, distributes or otherwise fulfills a consumer product order shall disclose to the consumer the identification of any high-volume third-party seller supplying the consumer product if different than the seller listed on the product listing page.

SECTION 7. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 799A.7 of Title 15, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Any violation of the provisions of this act is a violation of the Oklahoma Consumer Protection Act which shall be enforced pursuant to the provisions of Section 761.1 of Title 15 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

B. The Attorney General shall enforce this act.

1	C. The Attorney General is authorized to adopt and promulgate
2	regulations with respect to collecting and verifying information
3	under this act, provided that such regulations are limited to what
4	is necessary to collect and verify such information.
5	SECTION 8. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
6	in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 799A.8 of Title 15, unless there
7	is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:
8	No political subdivision may establish, mandate or otherwise
9	require online marketplaces to verify information from high-volume
10	third-party sellers on a one-time or ongoing basis or disclose
11	information to consumers.
12	SECTION 9. This act shall become effective November 1, 2021.
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14	COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON TECHNOLOGY, dated 02/24/2021 - DO
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