

117TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 7598

To amend the Pallone-Thune Telephone Robocall Abuse Criminal Enforcement and Deterrence Act to provide liability protection for the sharing of information regarding suspected unlawful robocalls by or with the registered consortium that conducts private-led efforts to trace back the origin of suspected unlawful robocalls, and for the receipt of such information by such registered consortium, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 27, 2022

Mr. LATTA (for himself, Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. CURTIS, and Mr. O'HALLERAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Robocall Trace Back  
3 Enhancement Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. REGISTERED CONSORTIUM CONDUCTING PRIVATE-**  
5 **LED EFFORTS TO TRACE BACK THE ORIGIN**  
6 **OF SUSPECTED UNLAWFUL ROBOCALLS.**

7 (a) IMMUNITY FOR RECEIVING, SHARING, AND PUB-  
8 LISHING TRACE BACK INFORMATION.—Section 13(d) of  
9 the Pallone-Thune Telephone Robocall Abuse Criminal  
10 Enforcement and Deterrence Act (Public Law 116–105;  
11 133 Stat. 3287) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
12 lowing:

13 “(3) IMMUNITY FOR RECEIVING, SHARING, AND  
14 PUBLISHING TRACE BACK INFORMATION.—

15 “(A) TRACE BACK IMMUNITY.—No cause  
16 of action shall lie or be maintained in any court  
17 against—

18 “(i) the registered consortium for re-  
19 ceiving or sharing, or publishing as per-  
20 mitted by subsection (e), covered informa-  
21 tion or information derived from covered  
22 information; or

23 “(ii) any voice service provider or  
24 other person for sharing covered informa-  
25 tion with the registered consortium.

1                   “(B) DEFINITION.—In this paragraph, the  
2                   term ‘covered information’—

3                   “(i) means information regarding a  
4                   suspected unlawful robocall; and

5                   “(ii) includes—

6                   “(I) call detail records of a sus-  
7                   pected unlawful robocall;

8                   “(II) the name of, and other  
9                   identifying information concerning, a  
10                  voice service provider that originated,  
11                  carried, or routed a suspected unlaw-  
12                  ful robocall; and

13                  “(III) information about the per-  
14                  son who made a suspected unlawful  
15                  robocall, including any contact infor-  
16                  mation of an individual that such per-  
17                  son provided to the voice service pro-  
18                  vider that originated the call.”.

19                  (b) PUBLICATION OF LIST OF VOICE SERVICE PRO-  
20                  VIDERS.—Section 13(e) of the Pallone-Thune Telephone  
21                  Robocall Abuse Criminal Enforcement and Deterrence Act  
22                  (Public Law 116–105; 133 Stat. 3288) is amended to read  
23                  as follows:

24                  “(e) LIST OF VOICE SERVICE PROVIDERS.—

1           “(1) PUBLICATION OF LIST.—The Commission,  
2           or the registered consortium in consultation with the  
3           Commission, may publish a list of voice service pro-  
4           viders based on—

5                   “(A) information obtained by the Consor-  
6                   tium about voice service providers that refuse to  
7                   participate in private-led efforts to trace back  
8                   the origin of suspected unlawful robocalls; and

9                   “(B) other information the Commission or  
10                  the consortium may collect about voice service  
11                  providers that are found to originate, carry, or  
12                  route substantial amounts of unlawful robocalls.

13           “(2) ENFORCEMENT.—The Commission may  
14           take enforcement action based on the information  
15           described in paragraph (1).”.

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