

Calendar No. 216

117TH CONGRESS
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S. 1890

To require the Federal Trade Commission to conduct a study on scams that target travelers during the COVID–19 pandemic, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 27, 2021

Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. DAINES) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

DECEMBER 17, 2021

Reported by Ms. CANTWELL, with an amendment

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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 “Protecting Consumers
5 from Travel Fraud Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FTC STUDY ON TRAVEL FRAUD.**

2 (a) **STUDY.**—The Federal Trade Commission (in this
3 section referred to as the “Commission”) shall conduct a
4 study, using the Commission’s authority under section 6
5 of the Federal Trade Commission Act (15 U.S.C. 46), re-
6 garding scams that target travelers during the COVID-
7 19 pandemic.

8 (b) **REPORT.**—Not later than 45 days after the date
9 of enactment of this Act, the Commission shall submit to
10 Congress a report containing the results of the study con-
11 ducted under subsection (a), together with recommenda-
12 tions for such legislation and administrative action to pre-
13 vent and deter scams that target consumers, including on-
14 line travel booking scams, as the Commission determines
15 appropriate.

16 (c) **CONSUMER PROTECTION INFORMATION.**—Not
17 later than 30 days after the date of the submission of the
18 report under subsection (b), the Commission shall update
19 the website of the Commission to include information for
20 consumers on avoiding scams that target travelers, includ-
21 ing scams that target travelers during the COVID-pandemic
22 identified in the study conducted under subsection
23 (a).

24 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

25 *This Act may be cited as the “Protecting Consumers*
26 *from Travel Fraud Act”.*

1 **SEC. 2. FTC STUDY ON TRAVEL FRAUD.**

2 (a) *STUDY.*—*The Federal Trade Commission (in this*
3 *section referred to as the “Commission”) shall conduct a*
4 *study describing scams that target travelers during the*
5 *COVID–19 pandemic.*

6 (b) *REPORT.*—*Not later than 180 days after the date*
7 *of enactment of this Act, the Commission shall submit to*
8 *Congress a report containing the results of the study con-*
9 *ducted under subsection (a), together with such rec-*
10 *ommendations for legislation and administrative action to*
11 *prevent and deter scams that target travelers during the*
12 *COVID–19 pandemic.*

13 (c) *CONSUMER PROTECTION INFORMATION.*—*Not later*
14 *than 30 days after the date of the submission of the report*
15 *under subsection (b), the Commission shall update the*
16 *website of the Commission to include information for con-*
17 *sumers on avoiding scams that target travelers, including*
18 *scams that target travelers during the COVID–19 pandemic*
19 *identified in the study conducted under subsection (a).*

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