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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 26, 2018
Ms. ESHOO introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Help Americans Never Get Unwanted Phone Calls Act of 2018” or the “HANG-UP Act”.

SEC. 2. REPEAL OF DEBT COLLECTION AMENDMENTS; CLARIFYING COVERAGE WITH RESPECT TO GOVERNMENT CONTRACTORS.

(a) In General.—The Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 151 et seq.) is amended—

(1) in section 3, by striking paragraph (39) and inserting the following:

“(39) PERSON.—The term ‘person’—

“(A) includes an individual, partnership, association, joint-stock company, trust, or corporation; and

“(B) for the purposes of section 227, includes a contractor of the United States Government with respect to a call that is made solely to collect a debt owed to or guaranteed by the United States.”; and

(2) in section 227(b)—

(A) in paragraph (1)—

(i) in subparagraph (A)(iii), by striking “, unless such call is made solely to collect a debt owed to or guaranteed by the United States”; and

(ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking “, is made solely pursuant to the collection of a debt owed to or guaranteed by the United States.”; and

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(B) in paragraph (2)—

(i) in subparagraph (F)(ii), by adding “and” at the end;

(ii) in subparagraph (G)(ii), by striking “; and” at the end and inserting a period; and

(iii) by striking subparagraph (H).

(b) REGULATIONS.—Section 301(b) of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015 (47 U.S.C. 227 note; Public Law 114–74) is repealed.