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Wireless 411 Privacy Act

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors (8 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Boxer, Barbara [D-CA]	D · CA		Nov 25, 2003
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Feb 23, 2004
Sen. Enzi, Michael B. [R-WY]	R · WY		Jun 9, 2004
Sen. Kennedy, Edward M. [D-MA]	D · MA		Jun 9, 2004
Sen. Nelson, Bill [D-FL]	D · FL		Jun 9, 2004
Sen. Lautenberg, Frank R. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Jul 20, 2004
Sen. Dayton, Mark [D-MN]	D · MN		Sep 7, 2004
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Sep 20, 2004

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Reported By	Nov 19, 2004

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 HR 3558	Identical bill	Dec 4, 2003: Referred to the Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet.
108 S 1973	Related bill	Nov 25, 2003: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Wireless 411 Privacy Act - Amends the Communications Act of 1934 to prohibit a provider of commercial mobile services, or any affiliate or agent of such provider (provider), from including the wireless telephone number (wireless number) of any subscriber in any wireless directory assistance service (WDAS) database unless the provider: (1) provides a conspicuous, separate notice to the subscriber of the right not be listed in any WDAS; and (2) obtains express prior listing authorization from such subscriber, and that authorization has not been withdrawn.

Requires a provider to remove the wireless number of any subscriber from a WDAS upon request of that subscriber and without subscriber cost.

Prohibits a telecommunications carrier from disclosing in billing information provided to customers wireless numbers of subscribers who have indicated a preference to their provider for not having their wireless number disclosed.

Prohibits a provider from publishing (listing) in any form, selling, or otherwise distributing the contents of any WDAS database unless the provider: (1) notifies the subscriber of the right not to be listed; and (2) obtains express prior authorization for listing from such subscriber, and that authorization has not been withdrawn.

Prohibits a provider from charging a subscriber for the exercise of any rights under this Act.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 7, 2004:** By Senator McCain from Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation filed written report. Report No. 108-423. Minority views filed.
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- **Nov 19, 2004:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported by Senator McCain with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report.
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- **Nov 19, 2004:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 810.
- **Sep 22, 2004:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Sep 21, 2004:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 108-956.
- **Nov 25, 2003:** Introduced in Senate
- **Nov 25, 2003:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S16004-16005)
- **Nov 25, 2003:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (text of measure as introduced: CR S16005-16006)