

## HR 3511

Video Programming Consumer Privacy Protection Act of 2003

**Congress:** 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Science, Technology, Communications

**Introduced:** Nov 18, 2003

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet. (Dec 4, 2003)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA-7]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** MA • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Dec 4, 2003

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Science, Technology, Communications

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

Video Programming Consumer Privacy Protection Act of 2003 - Amends the Communications Act of 1934 to require a multichannel service vendor (a multichannel video programming distributor or person that has access to video programming viewing information) (vendor), at the time of entering into a service agreement with a subscriber and at least once a year thereafter, to provide written notice to such subscriber concerning: (1) the nature of personally identifiable information (information) collected with respect to the subscriber; (2) the nature of any disclosure of such information; (3) the period during which such information will be maintained by the vendor; (4) the time and place at which the subscriber may have access to such information; and (5) limitations with regard to the vendor collection and disclosure of such information and the right of the subscriber to enforce such limitations.

Prohibits any vendor from collecting or disclosing such information without the prior written or electronic consent of the subscriber, with certain business-related exceptions. Requires a vendor to provide subscriber access to all collected information, and to destroy information no longer necessary.

Provides civil remedies for violations, including actual and punitive damages.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Dec 4, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet.
- **Nov 20, 2003:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E2325-2326)
- **Nov 18, 2003:** Introduced in House
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