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S 472

Anti-phishing Act of 2005

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Chamber: Senate

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Sponsor

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	$D \cdot NY$		Jun 15, 2005
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 28, 2005

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 HR 1099	Related bill	May 10, 2005: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

Anti-phishing Act of 2005 - Amends the Federal criminal code to criminalize Internet scams involving fraudulently obtaining personal information (phishing).

Imposes a fine or imprisonment for up to five years, or both, for a person who knowingly and with the intent to engage in an activity constituting fraud or identity theft under Federal or State law: (1) creates or procures the creation of a website or domain name that represents itself as a legitimate online business without the authority or approval of the registered owner of such business; and (2) uses that website or domain name to solicit means of identification from any person.

Imposes a fine or imprisonment for up to five years, or both, for a person who knowingly and with the intent to engage in activity constituting fraud or identity theft under Federal or State law sends an electronic mail message that: (1) falsely represents itself as being sent by a legitimate online business; (2) includes an Internet location tool referring or linking users to an online location on the World Wide Web that falsely purports to belong to or be associated with a legitimate online business; and (3) solicits means of identification from the recipient.

Actions Timeline

- Feb 28, 2005: Introduced in Senate
- Feb 28, 2005: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S1804)
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