

S 2956

Phone Scam Prevention Act of 2014

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Science, Technology, Communications

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Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (text of measure

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Sponsor

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

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Committee Activity

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| Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee | Senate | Referred To | Nov 20, 2014 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 113 HR 3670 | Related bill | Sep 10, 2014: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. |
| 113 S 2787 | Related bill | Sep 10, 2014: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. |

Phone Scam Prevention Act of 2014 - Amends the Communications Act of 1934 to require voice communications service providers to offer subscribers the option to designate a list of approved telephone numbers for which calls originating from those numbers are permitted to connect directly with the subscriber's telephone and other customer premises equipment.

Requires providers to ensure that any call for termination that is not from a number on the subscriber's list is processed according to the subscriber's preferences, including by limiting or disabling the ability of an incoming call to connect with the subscriber's equipment.

Exempts government and public interest calls from being subject to a subscriber's preferences.

Requires the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to develop authentication standards for providers to validate caller information so that subscribers may obtain secure assurances of a call's origin, including the calling party's number and identification.

Extends the prohibition on the provision of inaccurate caller identification information to persons outside the United States if the recipient is within the United States.

Expands the definition "caller identification information" to include text messages.

Revises caller identification requirements to make standards applicable to voice communications using resources from the North American Numbering Plan (currently, the requirements apply to telecommunications or IP-enabled voice services).

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 20, 2014:** Introduced in Senate
- **Nov 20, 2014:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S6207-6208)
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