

## HR 4065

Smartphone Theft Prevention Act

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**Chamber:** House

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

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**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology. (Feb 21, 2014)

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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 21, 2014

## Subjects & Policy Tags

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### Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

### Related Bills

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Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 S 2032	Identical bill	<b>Feb 12, 2014:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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### Summary (as of Feb 14, 2014)

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Smartphone Theft Prevention Act - Amends the Communications Act of 1934 to require commercial mobile service providers to make available on mobile devices a function that an account holder may use remotely to: (1) delete or render inaccessible all information relating to the account holder that has been placed on the device; (2) render the device inoperable on the global networks of such service providers, even if the device is turned off or has the data storage medium removed; (3) prevent the device from being reactivated or reprogrammed without a passcode or similar authorization after the device has been rendered inoperable or has been subject to an unauthorized factory reset; and (4) reverse any such actions if the device is recovered by the account holder.

Prohibits a mobile device from being manufactured in the United States or imported into the United States for sale or resale to the public, unless the device is configured in such a manner that a service provider may make such remote deletion and inoperability functions available on the device.

Allows the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to waive such requirements with respect to any low-cost mobile device that: (1) is intended primarily for voice-only mobile service, and (2) may have limited data consumption functions focused on text messaging or short message service.

Prohibits service providers from charging a fee for making such remote deletion and inoperability functions available.

### Actions Timeline

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- **Feb 21, 2014:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.
- **Feb 14, 2014:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 14, 2014:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.