

## S 134

Spoofting Prevention Act of 2017

**Congress:** 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

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

**Introduced:** Jan 12, 2017

**Current Status:** Held at the desk.

**Latest Action:** Held at the desk. (Aug 4, 2017)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/senate-bill/134>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Nelson, Bill [D-FL]

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

### Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Blunt, Roy [R-MO]	R · MO		Jan 12, 2017
Sen. Fischer, Deb [R-NE]	R · NE		Jan 12, 2017
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Jan 12, 2017
Sen. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL]	D · IL		Feb 27, 2017

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Reported By	Jun 6, 2017

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 4986	Related bill	<b>Mar 7, 2018:</b> Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
115 HR 423	Related bill	<b>Jan 24, 2017:</b> Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

## **Spoofing Prevention Act of 2017**

(Sec. 3) This bill amends the Communications Act of 1934 to expand the prohibition against knowingly transmitting misleading or inaccurate caller identification information to apply to: (1) persons outside the United States if the recipient of the call is within the United States, and (2) text messages.

Existing caller identification requirements that apply to calls made using a telecommunications service or IP-enabled voice service are revised to apply to: (1) services that furnish voice communications using resources from the North American Numbering Plan; and (2) transmissions from a telephone facsimile machine, computer, or other device to a telephone facsimile machine.

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) must collaborate with the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) to regularly update education materials that help consumers identify: (1) scams and fraudulent activity that rely upon misleading or inaccurate caller identification information, and (2) existing technologies that consumers can use to protect against such fraud.

The Government Accountability Office must report on: (1) actions taken, or actions that could be taken, by the FCC or the FTC to combat the fraudulent provision of misleading or inaccurate caller identification information; and (2) any recommendations to combat the fraudulent provision of such information.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Aug 4, 2017:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Aug 4, 2017:** Received in the House.
- **Aug 4, 2017:** Held at the desk.
- **Aug 3, 2017:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S4817-4818; text: CR S4817-4818)
- **Aug 3, 2017:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S4817-4818; text: CR S4817-4818)
- **Jun 6, 2017:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported by Senator Thune with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 115-91.
- **Jun 6, 2017:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 117.
- **Jan 24, 2017:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Jan 12, 2017:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jan 12, 2017:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S317-318)

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