

## S 3655

### TRACED Act

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**Chamber:** Senate

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

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### Sponsor

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### Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		Nov 15, 2018
Sen. Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS]	R · MS		Nov 15, 2018
Sen. Capito, Shelley Moore [R-WV]	R · WV		Nov 27, 2018

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	Nov 15, 2018

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

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### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 7392	Identical bill	Dec 21, 2018: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

## **Telephone Robocall Abuse Criminal Enforcement and Deterrence Act or the TRACED Act**

This bill implements a forfeiture penalty for intentional violations of the prohibition on certain robocalls. The bill also limits the scope of an annual reporting requirement for enforcement relating to unsolicited facsimile advertisements.

The bill requires voice service providers to develop call authentication technologies.

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) shall promulgate rules establishing when a provider may block a voice call based on information provided by the call authentication framework, but also must establish a process to permit a calling party adversely affected by the framework to verify the authenticity of their calls. The FCC shall also initiate a rulemaking to help protect a subscriber from receiving unwanted calls or texts from a caller using an unauthenticated number.

This bill requires the Department of Justice to assemble an interagency working group to study and report to Congress on the enforcement of the prohibition of certain robocalls. Specifically, the working group will look into how to better enforce against robocalls by examining issues like the types of laws, policies, or constraints that could be inhibiting enforcement.

The bill requires the FCC to initiate a proceeding to determine whether its policies regarding access to number resources could be modified to help reduce access to numbers by potential robocall violators.

### **Actions Timeline**

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