

## HR 2015

### TRACED Act

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**Chamber:** House

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

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**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology. (Apr 2, 2019)

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### Sponsor

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**Party:** Republican • **State:** TN • **Chamber:** House

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Rep. Rose, John W. [R-TN-6]	R · TN		May 17, 2019
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Rep. Abraham, Ralph Lee [R-LA-5]	R · LA		May 21, 2019
Rep. Bost, Mike [R-IL-12]	R · IL		May 21, 2019
Rep. Stauber, Pete [R-MN-8]	R · MN		May 21, 2019
Rep. Budd, Ted [R-NC-13]	R · NC		May 24, 2019
Rep. Byrne, Bradley [R-AL-1]	R · AL		May 24, 2019
Rep. Chabot, Steve [R-OH-1]	R · OH		May 24, 2019
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Rep. Fleischmann, Charles J. "Chuck" [R-TN-3]	R · TN		Jun 6, 2019
Rep. Harder, Josh [D-CA-10]	D · CA		Jun 10, 2019

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Rep. Johnson, Dusty [R-SD-At Large]	R · SD		Jun 10, 2019
Rep. Turner, Michael R. [R-OH-10]	R · OH		Jun 12, 2019
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Rep. Gottheimer, Josh [D-NJ-5]	D · NJ		Dec 3, 2019

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 2, 2019

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 151	Identical bill	Dec 30, 2019: Became Public Law No: 116-105.
116 HR 721	Related bill	Apr 30, 2019: Subcommittee Hearings Held.
116 HR 1602	Identical bill	Mar 8, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.

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

This bill implements a forfeiture penalty for violations (with or without intent) of the prohibition on certain robocalls. The bill also removes 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 and the FCC 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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- **Apr 2, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.
- **Apr 1, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 1, 2019:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.