

HR 3953

Unsubscribe Act of 2021

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Takano, Mark [D-CA-41]

Party: Democratic • **State:** CA • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (12 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Jun 16, 2021
Del. San Nicolas, Michael F. Q. [D-GU-At Large]	D · GU		Jun 16, 2021
Rep. Case, Ed [D-HI-1]	D · HI		Jun 16, 2021
Rep. Dingell, Debbie [D-MI-12]	D · MI		Jun 16, 2021
Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Jun 16, 2021
Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-2]	D · MA		Jun 16, 2021
Rep. Raskin, Jamie [D-MD-8]	D · MD		Jun 16, 2021
Rep. Cárdenas, Tony [D-CA-29]	D · CA		Jul 6, 2021
Rep. Demings, Val Butler [D-FL-10]	D · FL		Jul 22, 2021
Rep. Scanlon, Mary Gay [D-PA-5]	D · PA		Aug 13, 2021
Rep. Axne, Cynthia [D-IA-3]	D · IA		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. DeFazio, Peter A. [D-OR-4]	D · OR		Dec 14, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 17, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Commerce

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 2072	Related bill	Jun 16, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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This bill requires that certain consumer protections are included in negative option agreements (i.e., an agreement under which a consumer's failure to take an affirmative action is considered approval to be charged for goods or services). These agreements are prohibited unless the terms provide the consumer with a way to cancel the agreement, in the same manner by which the agreement was entered, before incurring further or increased charges.

Further, under free-to-pay conversion contracts, where a consumer is charged a nominal introductory rate and an increased rate after the introductory period ends, the provider of the good or service must require the consumer to perform an additional action, like clicking a confirmation button, before the increased rate takes effect.

The bill also requires that certain notifications are provided to consumers in the context of other forms of negative option agreements online, such as notice between two and seven days before an automatic renewal.

The bill provides for enforcement of these requirements by the Federal Trade Commission and state attorneys general.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 17, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Commerce.
- **Jun 16, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 16, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.