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H. R. 4632

To require Federal regulation of online privacy protections to apply to all Federal agencies.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Practice What You
5 Preach Privacy Protection Promotion Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. ONLINE PRIVACY PROTECTIONS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Federal Trade Commission
8 has begun a proceeding to issue an enforcement policy
9 statement to clarify the application of existing Federal

1 Trade Commission rules and guides to electronic media,
2 including e-mail, CD-ROMs, and the Internet, to provide
3 protection for persons subject to information gathering
4 through the electronic media. (16 CFR Ch 1). The Com-
5 mission began the proceeding by stating proposed guide-
6 lines for the application of such rules and guides which
7 require that—

8 (1) individuals contacted by electronic media be
9 given notice by the entity using the media of the en-
10 tity’s information practice;

11 (2) such individuals be given a choice with re-
12 spect to the use and dissemination of information
13 collected from and about them;

14 (3) such individuals be given access to informa-
15 tion about them collected and stored by the using
16 entity; and

17 (4) the entity take appropriate steps to ensure
18 the security and integrity of any information col-
19 lected.

20 (b) FEDERAL COMPLIANCE.—To the extent appro-
21 priate, all Federal agencies using electronic media to carry
22 out its activities shall take such action as may be nec-
23 essary to comply with Federal Trade Commission rules
24 and guidelines as made applicable to electronic media
25 under the guidelines under the enforcement policy state-

1 ment proceeding referred to in subsection (a). Such action
2 shall be completed before the Federal Trade Commission
3 issues a final enforcement policy statement applicable to
4 the private sector.

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