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To prohibit deceptive altering or disguising of caller identification on outbound telephone calls.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ENGEL (for himself and Mrs. WILSON of New Mexico) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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. TELEPHONE CALLER IDENTIFICATION FRAUD**

4 **PROHIBITED.**

5 (a) CONDUCT PROHIBITED.—Not later than 270
6 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Fed-
7 eral Trade Commission shall promulgate a rule under sec-
8 tion 18(a)(1)(B) of the Federal Trade Commission Act
9 (15 U.S.C. 57a(a)(1)(B)) to prohibit, as an unfair or de-
10 ceptive act or practice, making any outbound telephone

1 call that alters, masks, or disguises, or employing any
2 technology to alter, mask, or disguise, the automatic num-
3 ber identification of the caller, with the intent to deceive
4 the person to whom the call is made.

5 (b) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of the rule required
6 by this Act—

7 (1) the term “automatic number identification”
8 means the 10 digit telephone number used by a tele-
9 communications carrier to determine the telephone
10 number of the calling party on any outbound tele-
11 phone call, such as is used to provide telephone cus-
12 tomers with caller identification services; and

13 (2) the term “telecommunications carrier” has
14 the meaning given such term in section 3(44) of the
15 Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 153(44)).

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