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119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. _____

To amend the Communications Act of 1934 to restrict, with respect to calls made to telephone numbers assigned to a Federal department or agency, the use of certain automated telephone equipment, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. PAPPAS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee
on _____

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 “Veterans Benefits In-
5 formation Protection Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF AUTOMATED TELE-**
2 **PHONE EQUIPMENT.**

3 Section 227(b)(1) of the Communications Act of
4 1934 (47 U.S.C. 227(b)(1)) is amended—

5 (1) in subparagraph (C), by striking “or” at
6 the end;

7 (2) in subparagraph (D), by striking the period
8 at the end and inserting “; or”; and

9 (3) by adding at the end the following:

10 “(E) to make any call to a telephone num-
11 ber assigned to a Federal department or agency
12 if such call is made by means of equipment
13 that—

14 “(i) has the capacity, without further
15 human intervention after initial activa-
16 tion—

17 “(I) to make a series of repeated
18 calls to such number; and

19 “(II) to provide and receive infor-
20 mation by means of such calls; and

21 “(ii) is operated by any individual or
22 entity other than the individual or entity to
23 whom the information provided or received
24 during such call relates.”.