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To preserve safe access to communications services for survivors of domestic violence and other crimes, and for other purposes.

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Ms. KUSTER (for herself and Ms. ESHOO) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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A BILL

To preserve safe access to communications services for survivors of domestic violence and other crimes, and for other purposes.

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 “Safe Connections Act*
5 *of 2022”.*

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 *Except as otherwise provided in this Act, terms used*
8 *in this Act that are defined in section 345(a) of the Commu-*
9 *nications Act of 1934, as added by section 4 of this Act,*
10 *have the meanings given those terms in such section 345(a).*

11 **SEC. 3. FINDINGS.**

12 *Congress finds the following:*

13 (1) *Domestic violence, dating violence, stalking,*
14 *sexual assault, human trafficking, and related crimes*
15 *are life-threatening issues and have lasting and harm-*
16 *ful effects on individuals, families, and entire commu-*
17 *nities.*

18 (2) *Survivors often lack meaningful support and*
19 *options when establishing independence from an*
20 *abuser, including barriers such as financial insecur-*
21 *ity and limited access to reliable communications*
22 *tools to maintain essential connections with family,*
23 *social safety networks, employers, and support serv-*
24 *ices.*

1 (3) *Perpetrators of violence and abuse described*
2 *in paragraph (1) increasingly use technological and*
3 *communications tools to exercise control over, mon-*
4 *itor, and abuse their victims.*

5 (4) *Communications law can play a public in-*
6 *terest role in the promotion of safety, life, and prop-*
7 *erty with respect to the types of violence and abuse*
8 *described in paragraph (1). For example, independent*
9 *access to a wireless phone plan can assist survivors*
10 *in establishing security and autonomy.*

11 (5) *Safeguards within communications services*
12 *can serve a role in preventing abuse and narrowing*
13 *the digital divide experienced by survivors of abuse.*

14 **SEC. 4. PROTECTION OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SURVIVORS**
15 **WITHIN COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES.**

16 *Part I of title III of the Communications Act of 1934*
17 *(47 U.S.C. 301 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end*
18 *the following:*

19 **“SEC. 345. PROTECTION OF SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC VIO-**
20 **LENCE, HUMAN TRAFFICKING, AND RELATED**
21 **CRIMES.**

22 *“(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

23 *“(1) ABUSER.—The term ‘abuser’ means an in-*
24 *dividual who has committed or allegedly committed a*
25 *covered act against—*

1 “(A) *an individual who seeks relief under*
2 *subsection (b); or*

3 “(B) *an individual in the care of an indi-*
4 *vidual who seeks relief under subsection (b).*

5 “(2) *COVERED ACT.—*

6 “(A) *IN GENERAL.—The term ‘covered act’*
7 *means conduct that constitutes—*

8 “(i) *a crime described in section*
9 *40002(a) of the Violence Against Women*
10 *Act of 1994 (34 U.S.C. 12291(a)), including*
11 *domestic violence, dating violence, sexual*
12 *assault, stalking, and sex trafficking;*

13 “(ii) *an act or practice described in*
14 *paragraph (11) or (12) of section 103 of the*
15 *Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000*
16 *(22 U.S.C. 7102) (relating to severe forms of*
17 *trafficking in persons and sex trafficking,*
18 *respectively); or*

19 “(iii) *an act under State law, Tribal*
20 *law, or the Uniform Code of Military Jus-*
21 *tice that is similar to an offense described*
22 *in clause (i) or (ii).*

23 “(B) *CONVICTION NOT REQUIRED.—Nothing*
24 *in subparagraph (A) shall be construed to re-*
25 *quire a criminal conviction or any other deter-*

1 *mination of a court in order for conduct to con-*
2 *stitute a covered act.*

3 “(3) *COVERED PROVIDER.*—*The term ‘covered*
4 *provider’ means a provider of a private mobile service*
5 *or commercial mobile service, as those terms are de-*
6 *finied in section 332(d).*

7 “(4) *PRIMARY ACCOUNT HOLDER.*—*The term*
8 *‘primary account holder’ means an individual who is*
9 *a party to a mobile service contract with a covered*
10 *provider.*

11 “(5) *SHARED MOBILE SERVICE CONTRACT.*—*The*
12 *term ‘shared mobile service contract’—*

13 “(A) *means a mobile service contract for an*
14 *account that includes not less than 2 consumers;*
15 *and*

16 “(B) *does not include enterprise services of-*
17 *fered by a covered provider.*

18 “(6) *SURVIVOR.*—*The term ‘survivor’ means an*
19 *individual who is not less than 18 years old and—*

20 “(A) *against whom a covered act has been*
21 *committed or allegedly committed; or*

22 “(B) *who cares for another individual*
23 *against whom a covered act has been committed*
24 *or allegedly committed (provided that the indi-*

1 *vidual providing care did not commit or alleg-*
2 *edly commit the covered act).*

3 “(b) *SEPARATION OF LINES FROM SHARED MOBILE*
4 *SERVICE CONTRACT.—*

5 “(1) *IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 business*
6 *days after receiving a completed line separation re-*
7 *quest from a survivor pursuant to subsection (c), a*
8 *covered provider shall, as applicable, with respect to*
9 *a shared mobile service contract under which the sur-*
10 *ivor and the abuser each use a line—*

11 “(A) *separate the line of the survivor, and*
12 *the line of any individual in the care of the sur-*
13 *ivor, from the shared mobile service contract; or*

14 “(B) *separate the line of the abuser from the*
15 *shared mobile service contract.*

16 “(2) *LIMITATIONS ON PENALTIES, FEES, AND*
17 *OTHER REQUIREMENTS.—Except as provided in*
18 *paragraphs (5) through (7), a covered provider may*
19 *not make separation of a line from a shared mobile*
20 *service contract under paragraph (1) contingent on*
21 *any requirement other than the requirements under*
22 *subsection (c), including—*

23 “(A) *payment of a fee, penalty, or other*
24 *charge;*

1 “(B) maintaining contractual or billing re-
2 sponsibility of a separated line with the pro-
3 vider;

4 “(C) approval of separation by the primary
5 account holder, if the primary account holder is
6 not the survivor;

7 “(D) a prohibition or limitation, including
8 one described in subparagraph (A), on number
9 portability, provided such portability is tech-
10 nically feasible, or a request to change phone
11 numbers;

12 “(E) a prohibition or limitation on the sep-
13 aration of lines as a result of arrears accrued by
14 the account;

15 “(F) an increase in the rate charged for the
16 mobile service plan of the primary account hold-
17 er with respect to service on any remaining line
18 or lines; or

19 “(G) any other limitation or requirement
20 not listed under subsection (c).

21 “(3) *RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.*—Nothing in
22 paragraph (2) shall be construed to require a covered
23 provider to provide a rate plan for the primary ac-
24 count holder that is not otherwise commercially avail-
25 able.

1 “(4) *REMOTE OPTION.*—A covered provider shall
2 offer a survivor the ability to submit a line separa-
3 tion request under subsection (c) through secure re-
4 mote means that are easily navigable, provided that
5 remote options are commercially available and tech-
6 nically feasible.

7 “(5) *RESPONSIBILITY FOR TRANSFERRED TELE-*
8 *PHONE NUMBERS.*—Notwithstanding paragraph (2),
9 beginning on the date on which a covered provider
10 transfers billing responsibilities for and use of a tele-
11 phone number or numbers to a survivor under para-
12 graph (1)(A) in response to a line separation request
13 submitted by the survivor under subsection (c), unless
14 ordered otherwise by a court, the survivor shall as-
15 sume financial responsibility, including for monthly
16 service costs, for the transferred telephone number or
17 numbers.

18 “(6) *RESPONSIBILITY FOR TRANSFERRED TELE-*
19 *PHONE NUMBERS FROM A SURVIVOR’S ACCOUNT.*—
20 Notwithstanding paragraph (2), upon the transfer of
21 a telephone number under paragraph (1)(B) in re-
22 sponse to a line separation request submitted by a
23 survivor under subsection (c), the survivor shall have
24 no further financial responsibilities to the transfer-
25 ring covered provider for the services provided by the

1 *transferring covered provider for the telephone num-*
2 *ber or for any mobile device associated with the tele-*
3 *phone number.*

4 “(7) *RESPONSIBILITY FOR MOBILE DEVICE.—*
5 *Notwithstanding paragraph (2), beginning on the*
6 *date on which a covered provider transfers billing re-*
7 *sponsibilities for and rights to a telephone number or*
8 *numbers to a survivor under paragraph (1)(A) in re-*
9 *sponse to a line separation request submitted by the*
10 *survivor under subsection (c), unless otherwise ordered*
11 *by a court, the survivor shall not assume financial re-*
12 *sponsibility for any mobile device associated with the*
13 *separated line, unless the survivor purchased the mo-*
14 *bile device, or affirmatively elects to maintain posses-*
15 *sion of the mobile device.*

16 “(8) *NOTICE TO SURVIVOR.—If a covered pro-*
17 *vider separates a line from a shared mobile service*
18 *contract under paragraph (1) and the primary ac-*
19 *count holder is not the survivor, the covered provider*
20 *shall notify the survivor of the date on which the cov-*
21 *ered provider intends to give any formal notice to the*
22 *primary account holder.*

23 “(c) *LINE SEPARATION REQUEST.—*

24 “(1) *IN GENERAL.—In the case of a survivor*
25 *seeking to separate a line from a shared mobile serv-*

1 *ice contract, the survivor shall submit to the covered*
2 *provider a line separation request that—*

3 *“(A) verifies that an individual who uses a*
4 *line under the shared mobile service contract has*
5 *committed or allegedly committed a covered act*
6 *against the survivor or an individual in the sur-*
7 *vivor’s care, by providing—*

8 *“(i) a copy of a signed affidavit from*
9 *a licensed medical or mental health care*
10 *provider, licensed military medical or men-*
11 *tal health care provider, licensed social*
12 *worker, victim services provider, or licensed*
13 *military victim services provider, or an em-*
14 *ployee of a court, acting within the scope of*
15 *that person’s employment; or*

16 *“(ii) a copy of a police report, state-*
17 *ments provided by police, including mili-*
18 *tary police, to magistrates or judges, charg-*
19 *ing documents, protective or restraining or-*
20 *ders, military protective orders, or any*
21 *other official record that documents the cov-*
22 *ered act;*

23 *“(B) in the case of relief sought under sub-*
24 *section (b)(1)(A), with respect to—*

1 “(i) a line used by the survivor that
2 the survivor seeks to have separated, states
3 that the survivor is the user of that specific
4 line; and

5 “(ii) a line used by an individual in
6 the care of the survivor that the survivor
7 seeks to have separated, includes an affi-
8 davit setting forth that the individual—

9 “(I) is in the care of the survivor;
10 and

11 “(II) is the user of that specific
12 line; and

13 “(C) requests relief under subparagraph (A)
14 or (B) of subsection (b)(1) and identifies each
15 line that should be separated.

16 “(2) COMMUNICATIONS FROM COVERED PRO-
17 VIDERS.—

18 “(A) IN GENERAL.—A covered provider
19 shall notify a survivor seeking relief under sub-
20 section (b) in clear and accessible language that
21 the covered provider may contact the survivor, or
22 designated representative of the survivor, to con-
23 firm the line separation, or if the covered pro-
24 vider is unable to complete the line separation

1 *for any reason, pursuant to subparagraphs (B)*
2 *and (C).*

3 “(B) *REMOTE MEANS.*—*A covered provider*
4 *shall notify a survivor under subparagraph (A)*
5 *through remote means, provided that remote*
6 *means are commercially available and tech-*
7 *nically feasible.*

8 “(C) *ELECTION OF MANNER OF CONTACT.*—
9 *When completing a line separation request sub-*
10 *mitted by a survivor through remote means*
11 *under paragraph (1), a covered provider shall*
12 *allow the survivor to elect in the manner in*
13 *which the covered provider may—*

14 “(i) *contact the survivor, or designated*
15 *representative of the survivor, in response to*
16 *the request, if necessary; or*

17 “(ii) *notify the survivor, or designated*
18 *representative of the survivor, of the inabil-*
19 *ity of the covered provider to complete the*
20 *line separation.*

21 “(3) *ENHANCED PROTECTIONS UNDER STATE*
22 *LAW.*—*This subsection shall not affect any law or reg-*
23 *ulation of a State providing communications protec-*
24 *tions for survivors (or any similar category of indi-*
25 *viduals) that has less stringent requirements for pro-*

1 *viding evidence of a covered act (or any similar cat-*
2 *egory of conduct) than this subsection.*

3 *“(d) CONFIDENTIAL AND SECURE TREATMENT OF*
4 *PERSONAL INFORMATION.—*

5 *“(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding section*
6 *222(c)(2), a covered provider and any officer, direc-*
7 *tor, employee, vendor, or agent thereof shall treat any*
8 *information submitted by a survivor under subsection*
9 *(c) as confidential and securely dispose of the infor-*
10 *mation not later than 90 days after receiving the in-*
11 *formation.*

12 *“(2) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in*
13 *paragraph (1) shall be construed to prohibit a covered*
14 *provider from maintaining, for longer than the period*
15 *specified in that paragraph, a record that verifies*
16 *that a survivor fulfilled the conditions of a line sepa-*
17 *ration request under subsection (c).*

18 *“(e) AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION TO CON-*
19 *SUMERS.—A covered provider shall make information about*
20 *the options and process described in subsections (b) and (c)*
21 *readily available to consumers—*

22 *“(1) on the website and the mobile application of*
23 *the provider;*

24 *“(2) in physical stores; and*

1 “(3) *in other forms of public-facing consumer*
2 *communication.*

3 “(f) *TECHNICAL INFEASIBILITY.—*

4 “(1) *IN GENERAL.—The requirement to effectuate*
5 *a line separation request pursuant to subsection*
6 *(b)(1) shall not apply to a covered provider if the cov-*
7 *ered provider cannot operationally or technically ef-*
8 *fectuate the request.*

9 “(2) *NOTIFICATION.—If a covered provider can-*
10 *not operationally or technically effectuate a line sepa-*
11 *ration request as described in paragraph (1), the cov-*
12 *ered provider shall—*

13 “(A) *notify the survivor who submitted the*
14 *request of that infeasibility—*

15 “(i) *at the time of the request; or*

16 “(ii) *in the case of a survivor who has*
17 *submitted the request using remote means,*
18 *not later than 2 business days after receiv-*
19 *ing the request; and*

20 “(B) *provide the survivor with information*
21 *about other alternatives to submitting a line sep-*
22 *aration request, including starting a new line of*
23 *service.*

24 “(g) *LIABILITY PROTECTION.—*

1 “(1) *IN GENERAL.*—A covered provider and any
2 officer, director, employee, vendor, or agent thereof
3 shall not be subject to liability for any claims deriv-
4 ing from an action taken or omission made with re-
5 spect to compliance with this section and the rules
6 adopted to implement this section.

7 “(2) *COMMISSION AUTHORITY.*—Nothing in this
8 subsection shall limit the authority of the Commission
9 to enforce this section or any rules or regulations pro-
10 mulgated by the Commission pursuant to this sec-
11 tion.”.

12 **SEC. 5. RULEMAKING ON PROTECTIONS FOR SURVIVORS OF**
13 **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.**

14 (a) *DEFINITIONS.*—In this section—

15 (1) the term “Affordable Connectivity Program”
16 means the program established under section 904(b) of
17 division N of the Consolidated Appropriations Act,
18 2021 (Public Law 116–260), as amended by section
19 60502 of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act
20 (Public Law 117–58), or any successor program;

21 (2) the term “appropriate congressional commit-
22 tees” means the Committee on Commerce, Science,
23 and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee
24 on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representa-
25 tives;

1 (3) *the term “Commission” means the Federal*
2 *Communications Commission;*

3 (4) *the term “covered hotline” means a hotline*
4 *related to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual*
5 *assault, stalking, sex trafficking, severe forms of traf-*
6 *ficking in persons, or any other similar act;*

7 (5) *the term “designated program” means the*
8 *program designated by the Commission under sub-*
9 *section (b)(2)(A)(i) to provide emergency communica-*
10 *tions support to survivors;*

11 (6) *the term “Lifeline program” means the pro-*
12 *gram set forth in subpart E of part 54 of title 47,*
13 *Code of Federal Regulations (or any successor regula-*
14 *tion);*

15 (7) *the term “text message” has the meaning*
16 *given the term in section 227(e)(8) of the Commu-*
17 *nications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 227(e)(8)); and*

18 (8) *the term “voice service” has the meaning*
19 *given such term in section 4(a) of the Pallone-Thune*
20 *Telephone Robocall Abuse Criminal Enforcement and*
21 *Deterrence Act (47 U.S.C. 227b(a)).*

22 (b) *RULEMAKINGS.—*

23 (1) *LINE SEPARATIONS.—*

24 (A) *IN GENERAL.—Not later than 18*
25 *months after the date of enactment of this Act,*

1 *the Commission shall adopt rules to implement*
2 *section 345 of the Communications Act of 1934,*
3 *as added by section 4 of this Act.*

4 *(B) CONSIDERATIONS.—In adopting rules*
5 *under subparagraph (A), the Commission shall*
6 *consider—*

7 *(i) privacy protections;*

8 *(ii) account security and fraud detec-*
9 *tion;*

10 *(iii) account billing procedures;*

11 *(iv) procedures for notification of sur-*
12 *vivors about line separation processes;*

13 *(v) notice to primary account holders;*

14 *(vi) situations in which a covered pro-*
15 *vider cannot operationally or technically*
16 *separate a telephone number or numbers*
17 *from a shared mobile service contract such*
18 *that the provider cannot effectuate a line*
19 *separation request;*

20 *(vii) the requirements for remote sub-*
21 *mission of a line separation request, includ-*
22 *ing how that option facilitates submission*
23 *of verification information and meets the*
24 *other requirements of section 345 of the*

1 *Communications Act of 1934, as added by*
2 *section 4 of this Act;*

3 *(viii) feasibility of remote options for*
4 *small covered providers;*

5 *(ix) implementation timelines, includ-*
6 *ing those for small covered providers;*

7 *(x) financial responsibility for trans-*
8 *ferred telephone numbers;*

9 *(xi) whether and how the survivor can*
10 *affirmatively elect to take financial respon-*
11 *sibility for the mobile device associated with*
12 *the separated line;*

13 *(xii) compliance with subpart U of*
14 *part 64 of title 47, Code of Federal Regula-*
15 *tions, or any successor regulations (relating*
16 *to customer proprietary network informa-*
17 *tion) or any other legal or law enforcement*
18 *requirements; and*

19 *(xiii) ensuring covered providers have*
20 *the necessary account information to com-*
21 *ply with the rules and with section 345 of*
22 *the Communications Act of 1934, as added*
23 *by section 4 of this Act.*

24 *(2) EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT FOR*
25 *SURVIVORS.—*

1 (A) *IN GENERAL.*—*Not later than 18*
2 *months after the date of enactment of this Act,*
3 *or as part of a general rulemaking proceeding*
4 *relating to the Lifeline program or the Affordable*
5 *Connectivity Program, whichever occurs earlier,*
6 *the Commission shall adopt rules that—*

7 (i) *designate a single program, which*
8 *shall be either the Lifeline program or the*
9 *Affordable Connectivity Program, to provide*
10 *emergency communications support to sur-*
11 *vivors in accordance with this paragraph;*
12 *and*

13 (ii) *allow a survivor who is suffering*
14 *from financial hardship and meets the re-*
15 *quirements under section 345(c)(1) of the*
16 *Communications Act of 1934, as added by*
17 *section 4 of this Act, without regard to*
18 *whether the survivor meets the otherwise ap-*
19 *plicable eligibility requirements of the des-*
20 *ignated program, to—*

21 (I) *enroll in the designated pro-*
22 *gram as quickly as is feasible; and*

23 (II) *participate in the designated*
24 *program based on such qualifications*
25 *for not more than 6 months.*

1 (B) *CONSIDERATIONS.*—*In adopting rules*
2 *under subparagraph (A), the Commission shall*
3 *consider—*

4 (i) *how survivors who are eligible for*
5 *relief and elected to separate a line under*
6 *section 345(c)(1) of the Communications*
7 *Act of 1934, as added by section 4 of this*
8 *Act, but whose lines could not be separated*
9 *due to operational or technical infeasibility,*
10 *can participate in the designated program;*
11 *and*

12 (ii) *confidentiality in the transfer and*
13 *retention of any necessary documentation*
14 *regarding the eligibility of a survivor to en-*
15 *roll in the designated program.*

16 (C) *EVALUATION.*—*Not later than 2 years*
17 *after completing the rulemaking under subpara-*
18 *graph (A), the Commission shall—*

19 (i) *evaluate the effectiveness of the*
20 *Commission’s provision of support to sur-*
21 *vivors through the designated program;*

22 (ii) *assess the detection and elimi-*
23 *nation of fraud, waste, and abuse with re-*
24 *spect to the support described in clause (i);*
25 *and*

1 (iii) submit to the appropriate congres-
2 sional committees a report that includes the
3 evaluation and assessment described in
4 clauses (i) and (ii), respectively.

5 (D) *RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.*—Nothing in
6 this paragraph shall be construed to limit the
7 ability of a survivor who meets the requirements
8 under section 345(c)(1) of the Communications
9 Act of 1934, as added by section 4 of this Act,
10 to participate in the designated program indefi-
11 nitely if the survivor otherwise qualifies for the
12 designated program under the rules of the des-
13 ignated program.

14 (E) *NOTIFICATION.*—A covered provider
15 that receives a line separation request pursuant
16 to section 345 of the Communications Act of
17 1934, as added by section 4 of this Act, shall in-
18 form the survivor who submitted the request of—

19 (i) the existence of the designated pro-
20 gram;

21 (ii) who qualifies to participate in the
22 designated program under the rules adopted
23 under subparagraph (A) that are specially
24 applicable to survivors; and

1 (iii) *how to participate in the des-*
2 *ignated program under the rules described*
3 *in clause (ii).*

4 (3) *HOTLINE CALLS.—*

5 (A) *IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days*
6 *after the date of enactment of this Act, the Com-*
7 *mission shall commence a rulemaking proceeding*
8 *to consider whether to, and how the Commission*
9 *should—*

10 (i) *establish, and update on a monthly*
11 *basis, a central database of covered hotlines*
12 *to be used by a covered provider or a*
13 *wireline provider of voice service; and*

14 (ii) *require a covered provider or a*
15 *wireline provider of voice service to omit*
16 *from consumer-facing logs of calls or text*
17 *messages any records of calls or text mes-*
18 *sages to covered hotlines in the central data-*
19 *base described in clause (i), while maintain-*
20 *ing internal records of those calls and mes-*
21 *sages.*

22 (B) *CONSIDERATIONS.—The rulemaking*
23 *conducted under subparagraph (A) shall include*
24 *consideration of—*

1 (i) *the ability of law enforcement agen-*
2 *cies or survivors to access a log of calls or*
3 *text messages in a criminal investigation or*
4 *civil proceeding;*

5 (ii) *the ability of a covered provider or*
6 *a wireline provider of voice service to—*

7 (I) *identify logs that are con-*
8 *sumer-facing; and*

9 (II) *omit certain consumer-facing*
10 *logs, while maintaining internal*
11 *records of such calls and text messages;*
12 *and*

13 (iii) *any other factors associated with*
14 *the implementation of clauses (i) and (ii) to*
15 *protect survivors, including factors that*
16 *may impact smaller providers.*

17 (C) *NO EFFECT ON LAW ENFORCEMENT.—*

18 *Nothing in subparagraph (A) shall be construed*
19 *to—*

20 (i) *limit or otherwise affect the ability*
21 *of a law enforcement agency to access a log*
22 *of calls or text messages in a criminal in-*
23 *vestigation; or*

24 (ii) *alter or otherwise expand provider*
25 *requirements under the Communications*

1 *Assistance for Law Enforcement Act (Public*
2 *Law 103–414; 108 Stat. 4279) or the*
3 *amendments made by that Act.*

4 (D) *COMPLIANCE.*—*If the Commission es-*
5 *tablishes a central database through the rule-*
6 *making under subparagraph (A) and a covered*
7 *provider updates its own databases to match the*
8 *central database not less frequently than once*
9 *every 30 days, no cause of action shall lie or be*
10 *maintained in any court against the covered*
11 *provider or its officers, employees, or agents for*
12 *claims deriving from omission from consumer-*
13 *facing logs of calls or text messages of any*
14 *records of calls or text messages to covered hot-*
15 *lines in the central database.*

16 **SEC. 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

17 *The requirements under section 345 of the Commu-*
18 *nications Act of 1934, as added by section 4 of this Act,*
19 *shall take effect 60 days after the date on which the Federal*
20 *Communications Commission adopts the rules imple-*
21 *menting that section pursuant to section 5(b)(1) of this Act.*

22 **SEC. 7. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

23 *Nothing in this Act or the amendments made by this*
24 *Act shall be construed to abrogate, limit, or otherwise affect*
25 *the provisions set forth in the Communications Assistance*

1 *for Law Enforcement Act (Public Law 103–414; 108 Stat.*
2 *4279) and the amendments made by that Act, any authority*
3 *granted to the Federal Communications Commission pursu-*
4 *ant to that Act or the amendments made by that Act, or*
5 *any regulations promulgated by the Federal Communica-*
6 *tions Commission pursuant to that Act or the amendments*
7 *made by that Act.*