

115TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 564

To repeal debt collection amendments made by the Bipartisan Budget Act  
of 2015, and for other purposes.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 8, 2017

Mr. MARKEY (for himself and Mr. LEE) introduced the following bill; which  
was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and  
Transportation

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## 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 “Help Americans Never  
5 Get Unwanted Phone calls Act of 2017” or “HANGUP  
6 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REPEAL OF DEBT COLLECTION AMENDMENTS;**  
 2 **CLARIFYING COVERAGE WITH RESPECT TO**  
 3 **GOVERNMENT CONTRACTORS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Communications Act of 1934  
 5 (47 U.S.C. 151 et seq.) is amended—

6 (1) in section 3 (47 U.S.C. 153), by striking  
 7 paragraph (39) and inserting the following:

8 “(39) PERSON.—The term ‘person’—

9 “(A) includes an individual, partnership,  
 10 association, joint-stock company, trust, or cor-  
 11 poration; and

12 “(B) for the purposes of section 227, in-  
 13 cludes—

14 “(i) a contractor of—

15 “(I) the United States Govern-  
 16 ment; or

17 “(II) any State or local govern-  
 18 ment; and

19 “(ii) an entity of any legal form.”;

20 and

21 (2) in section 227(b) (47 U.S.C. 227(b))—

22 (A) in paragraph (1)—

23 (i) in subparagraph (A)(iii), by strik-  
 24 ing “, unless such call is made solely to  
 25 collect a debt owed to or guaranteed by the  
 26 United States”; and

1                   (ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking  
 2                   “, is made solely pursuant to the collection  
 3                   of a debt owed to or guaranteed by the  
 4                   United States,”; and

5                   (B) in paragraph (2)—

6                   (i) in subparagraph (F)(ii), by adding  
 7                   “and” at the end;

8                   (ii) in subparagraph (G)(ii), by strik-  
 9                   ing “; and” at the end and inserting a pe-  
 10                  riod; and

11                  (iii) by striking subparagraph (H).

12                  (b) REGULATIONS.—Section 301(b) of the Bipartisan  
 13                  Budget Act of 2015 (47 U.S.C. 227 note; Public Law  
 14                  114–74) is repealed.

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