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# H. R. 1335

To direct the Federal Communications Commission to issue rules to secure communications networks against cyber risks, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 2, 2017

Ms. CLARKE of New York introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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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 “Cybersecurity Respon-  
5 sibility Act of 2017”.

6 **SEC. 2. SECURING COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS AGAINST**  
7 **CYBER RISKS.**

8 (a) FCC RULES.—Not later than 180 days after the  
9 date of the enactment of this Act, the Federal Commu-  
10 nications Commission shall issue rules to secure commu-

1 nications networks through managing, assessing, and  
 2 prioritizing cyber risks and actions to reduce such risks.  
 3 The Commission, in consultation with the Secretary of  
 4 Homeland Security, shall include in such rules provisions  
 5 relating to the treatment of critical infrastructure infor-  
 6 mation relating to such networks that is submitted to the  
 7 Commission.

8 (b) APPLICATION OF CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE IN-  
 9 FORMATION PROTECTIONS.—For purposes of subtitle B  
 10 of title II of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C.  
 11 131 et seq.)—

12 (1) communications networks shall be treated  
 13 as critical infrastructure and protected systems de-  
 14 fined in sections 2(4) and 212(6) of such Act (6  
 15 U.S.C. 101(4); 131(6)); and

16 (2) with respect to critical infrastructure infor-  
 17 mation relating to communications networks, the  
 18 Federal Communications Commission (in addition to  
 19 the Department of Homeland Security) shall be  
 20 treated as a covered Federal agency defined in sec-  
 21 tion 212(2) of such Act.

22 (c) COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK DEFINED.—In this  
 23 section, the term “communications network” means a net-  
 24 work for the provision of wireline or mobile telephone serv-  
 25 ice, Internet access service, radio or television broad-

- 1 casting, cable service, direct broadcast satellite service, or
- 2 any other communications service.

