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H. R. 217

To require retailers who offer products for purchase through an internet website or a mobile application to disclose on such website or application the country of origin for each product offered for sale.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. VAN DREW (for himself and Mr. SHERMAN) 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Country of Origin La-
5 beling Requirement Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. COUNTRY OF ORIGIN DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS**
2 **FOR PRODUCTS SOLD ON RETAIL WEBSITES**
3 **AND MOBILE APPLICATIONS.**

4 (a) **DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENT.**—Any person that
5 operates an internet website or a mobile application and
6 that sells or offers for sale, at retail, any product through
7 such website or application, shall disclose on such website
8 or application, in a clear and conspicuous manner, the
9 country in which such product was manufactured or fi-
10 nally assembled.

11 (b) **EXCLUSION.**—The requirements in subsection (a)
12 shall not be construed to apply to any individual who uses
13 an internet website or a mobile application operated by
14 another person to sell or offer for sale any product.

15 **SEC. 3. ENFORCEMENT BY THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMIS-**
16 **SION.**

17 (a) **UNFAIR OR DECEPTIVE ACTS OR PRACTICES.**—
18 A violation of section 2(a) shall be treated as a violation
19 of a regulation under section 18(a)(1)(B) of the Federal
20 Trade Commission Act (15 U.S.C. 57a(a)(1)(B)) regard-
21 ing unfair or deceptive acts or practices.

22 (b) **POWERS OF THE COMMISSION.**—The Federal
23 Trade Commission shall enforce section 2(a) in the same
24 manner, by the same means, and with the same jurisdic-
25 tion, powers, and duties as though all applicable terms and
26 provisions of the Federal Trade Commission Act (15

1 U.S.C. 41 et seq.) were incorporated into and made a part
2 of this Act. Any person who violates such section shall be
3 subject to the penalties and entitled to the privileges and
4 immunities provided in the Federal Trade Commission
5 Act.

6 (c) EFFECT ON OTHER LAWS.—Nothing in this Act
7 shall be construed in any way to limit or affect the author-
8 ity of the Federal Trade Commission under any other pro-
9 vision of law.

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