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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. Markey introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on ________

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Hate Crime Reporting Act of 2014”.

SEC. 2. REPORT.

Section 155 of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration Organization Act (enacted as
section 135 of Public Law 102–538; 106 Stat. 3542) is amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 155. REPORT ON THE ROLE OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS IN HATE CRIMES.

“(a) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of the Hate Crime Reporting Act of 2014, the NTIA, with the assistance of the Department of Justice, the Commission, and the United States Commission on Civil Rights, shall submit a report to the Committee on Energy and Commerce and the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation and the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate on the role of telecommunications in hate crimes in accordance with subsection (b).

“(b) SCOPE OF REPORT.—The report required under subsection (a) shall—

“(1) analyze information on the use of telecommunications, including the Internet, broadcast television and radio, cable television, public access television, commercial mobile services, and other electronic media, to advocate and encourage violent acts and the commission of crimes of hate, as described in the Hate Crime Statistics Act (28 U.S.C. 534 note);
“(2) include any recommendations, consistent with the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, that the NTIA determines are appropriate and necessary to address the use of telecommunications described in paragraph (1); and

“(3) update the previous report submitted under this section (as in effect before the date of enactment of the Hate Crime Reporting Act of 2014).”.