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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Consumer Product
3 Protection Act of 2002”.

4 **SEC. 2. UNAUTHORIZED PLACEMENT OF WRITING WITH A**
5 **CONSUMER PRODUCT.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1365 of title 18, United
7 States Code, is amended—

8 (1) by redesignating subsections (f) and (g) as
9 (g) and (h) respectively;

10 (2) by inserting after subsection (e) the fol-
11 lowing new subsection:

12 “(f)(1) Whoever knowingly stamps, prints, places, or
13 inserts any writing in or on any consumer product that
14 affects interstate or foreign commerce, or the box, pack-
15 age, or other container of any such product, prior to its
16 sale to any consumer, shall be fined under this title or
17 imprisoned not more than one year, or both.

18 “(2) This subsection shall not apply in any case in
19 which the manufacturer, retailer, or distributor of the
20 product in the due course of business consents to the
21 stamping, printing, placing, or inserting of a writing.”;
22 and

23 (3) in subsection (h) (as redesignated by para-
24 graph (1))—

25 (A) in paragraph (3)(D), by striking
26 “and”;

1 (B) in paragraph (4), by striking the pe-
2 riod and inserting “; and”; and

3 (C) by adding after paragraph (4) the fol-
4 lowing:

5 “(5) the term ‘writing’ means any form of rep-
6 resentation or communication (including handbills,
7 notices, or advertising) that contains letters, words,
8 graphic, or pictorial representations.”.

9 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section
10 2332b(g)(3) of title 18, United States Code, is amended
11 by striking “1365(g)(3)” and inserting “1365”.

Passed the House of Representatives June 11, 2002.

Attest:

Clerk.