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H. R. 4324

To prevent certain monitoring and interception by Federal authorities of Federal prisoner communications that are subject to attorney-client privilege.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

January 6, 2016

Mr. Jeffries (for himself and Mr. Collins of Georgia) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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 ``Effective Assistance of Counsel in the Digital Era Act of 2016''.

SEC. 2. PRISONER COMMUNICATIONS THAT ARE SUBJECT TO ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE.

(a) In General.--Except as provided in subsection (b) it shall be unlawful for any person acting under the authority of the United States to monitor any electronic communication (as defined in section 2510 of title 18, United States Code) to which a prisoner in a Bureau of Prisons correctional facility is a party, if that communication would be subject to attorney-client privilege were the prisoner not incarcerated.

(b) Exception.--Subsection (a) does not apply to a communication the Attorney General has reason to believe poses a threat to national security.

(c) Rules by Attorney General.--The Attorney General shall prescribe rules to carry out this section.

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