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# H. R. 6566

To amend title 17, United States Code, to provide for the diagnosis, maintenance, and repair of certain digital electronic equipment.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. JONES (for himself and Mrs. SPARTZ) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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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 “Freedom to Repair  
5 Act of 2022”.

6 **SEC. 2. DIAGNOSIS, MAINTENANCE, AND REPAIR OF CER-**  
7 **TAIN DIGITAL ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT.**

8 Section 1201 of title 17, United States Code, is  
9 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-  
10 section:

1           “(1) DIAGNOSIS, MAINTENANCE, AND REPAIR OF  
2 DIGITAL ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT.—(1) Notwith-  
3 standing the provisions of subsection (a)(1)(A), it is not  
4 a violation of that subsection for a person, for the purpose  
5 of the diagnosis, maintenance, or repair of digital elec-  
6 tronic equipment, to circumvent a technological measure  
7 that effectively controls access to a work protected under  
8 this title.

9           “(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection  
10 (a)(2), it is not a violation of that subsection for a person,  
11 for the purpose of the diagnosis, maintenance, or repair  
12 of digital electronic equipment, to manufacture, import,  
13 offer to the public, provide, or otherwise traffic in any  
14 technology, product, service, device, component, or part  
15 thereof described in that subsection.

16           “(3) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection  
17 (b)(1), it is not a violation of that subsection for a person,  
18 for the purpose of the diagnosis, maintenance, or repair  
19 of digital electronic equipment, to manufacture, import,  
20 offer to the public, provide, or otherwise traffic in any  
21 technology, product, service, device, component, or part  
22 thereof described in that subsection.

23           “(4) Nothing in this subsection applies to manufac-  
24 turers or distributors of a medical device as defined in the  
25 Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. Sec.

1 321(h)) or a digital electronic product or embedded soft-  
2 ware manufactured for use in a medical setting including  
3 diagnostic, monitoring, or control equipment or any prod-  
4 uct or service that they offer.

5 “(5) For the purposes of this subsection, the term  
6 ‘digital electronic equipment’ means any product depend-  
7 ent, in whole or in part, upon attached or embedded digital  
8 electronics to function.”.

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