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4 SYNOPSIS:

5           This bill would provide certain requirements for  
6 manufacturers of electronic equipment and software to  
7 ensure consumers and independent repair providers may  
8 repair electronics.

9           This bill would also provide civil penalties  
10 for, and a private right of action against,  
11 manufacturers that violate these requirements.

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14                   A BILL  
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16                   AN ACT

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18           Relating to consumer protection; to provide  
19 requirements for manufacturers of electronic equipment and  
20 software to ensure consumers and independent repair providers  
21 may repair electronics; and to provide civil penalties for  
22 violations.

23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

24           Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as  
25 the Right to Repair Act.

26           Section 2. (a) The Legislature finds and declares the  
27 following:

28           (1) Consumers and independent repair providers face



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significant barriers to repairing electronic devices and equipment, leading to increased costs and electronic waste.

(2) The inability to repair purchased products undermines consumer rights and stifles competition in the repair market.

(3) Enabling repairs benefits the environment by extending the lifespan of electronic products and reducing the volume of waste sent to landfills.

(b) The purpose of this act is to ensure that consumers and independent repair providers have access to the necessary resources to repair and maintain electronic products in a fair and reasonable manner.

Section 3. For the purposes of this act, the following terms have the following meanings:

(1) CONSUMER. Any person that purchases or leases electronic equipment for personal, business, or other use.

(2) INDEPENDENT REPAIR PROVIDER. Any person not affiliated with a manufacturer that offers repair services for electronic equipment.

(3) MANUFACTURER. Any person that manufactures or distributes electronic equipment or software.

(4) REPAIR DOCUMENTATION. Instructions, diagrams, schematics, software, or other information necessary to diagnose, maintain, or repair electronic equipment.

Section 4. (a) A manufacturer shall make repair documentation, software, and tools available to consumers and independent repair providers on fair and reasonable terms.

(b) A manufacturer shall not impose contractual or



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technical limitations on access to repair documentation, tools, or software, except as allowed under Section 6.

Section 5. (a) A manufacturer shall ensure the availability of replacement parts for electronic equipment for a minimum of five years after the last production date of the product.

(b) Replacement parts shall be offered on fair and reasonable terms without requiring consumers or independent repair providers to purchase additional services.

Section 6. (a) A manufacturer may seek exemptions for specific categories of equipment where unrestricted access to repair resources poses a demonstrable risk to public safety, health, or privacy.

(b) Exemptions shall require justification supported by evidence and shall be reviewed by the Attorney General.

Section 7. (a) Any manufacturer that violates this act shall be subject to penalties, including a fine not exceeding ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) per violation.

(b) Consumers and independent repair providers may bring a civil action to enforce their rights under this act.

Section 8. Manufacturers shall not be held liable for damages arising from repairs conducted by consumers or independent repair providers; provided, the manufacturer has complied with the provisions of this act.

Section 9. This act shall become effective on October 1, 2025.