

103<sup>D</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 271

To amend title 18, United States Code, to make the knowing disclosure of classified information by Federal officers and employees a criminal offense.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 5, 1993

Mr. McCOLLUM 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 “National Security and  
5       Classified Information Protection Act of 1993”.

6       **SEC. 2. SECTION 798 AMENDMENT.**

7       (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 798 of title 18, United  
8       States Code, is amended by inserting after subsection (a)  
9       the following:

1       “(b) Whoever, being or having been an officer or em-  
2 ployee of the Federal Government, knowingly discloses,  
3 communicates, furnishes, transmits, publishes, or other-  
4 wise makes available to an unauthorized person, any clas-  
5 sified information, document, or material to which such  
6 person had access in the course of that Federal Govern-  
7 ment office or employment, shall be fined under this title  
8 or imprisoned not more than twenty years, or both.”.

9       (b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—  
10 Section 798 of title 18, United States Code, is amended—

11           (1) in subsection (b), by striking out “sub-  
12           section (a)” and inserting “subsections (a) and (b)”  
13           in lieu thereof; and

14           (2) by redesignating subsections (b) and (c) as  
15           subsections (c) and (d), respectively.

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