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116TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 4227

[Report No. 116-349]

To prohibit the submission to the Federal Communications Commission of broadband internet access service coverage information or data for the purposes of compiling an inaccurate broadband coverage map.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 6, 2019

Mr. MCEACHIN (for himself, Mr. LONG, Mr. LOEBSACK, and Mr. LATTA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

DECEMBER 16, 2019

Additional sponsors: Mr. WITTMAN, Mr. TONKO, Mr. GRIFFITH, Mr. MCKINLEY, Ms. KENDRA S. HORN of Oklahoma, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. WALDEN, Mr. WELCH, Mr. WRIGHT, Mr. VAN DREW, Mrs. RODGERS of Washington, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. BALDERSON, Mr. MCNERNEY, Mr. OLSON, Mrs. AXNE, Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia, Ms. WEXTON, Mrs. HARTZLER, Mr. AGUILAR, Mr. STAUBER, Mr. BERGMAN, Mr. ROUDA, Ms. SPANBERGER, Ms. TORRES SMALL of New Mexico, Mr. COX of California, Ms. FINKENAUER, Mr. KINZINGER, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Mr. SMITH of Missouri, Mr. DELGADO, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. GRAVES of Missouri, Mr. KELLER, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mr. TIPTON, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. LUETKEMEYER, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. HURD of Texas, and Mr. O'HALLERAN

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Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union
and ordered to be printed

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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 “Mapping Accuracy
5 Promotes Services Act” or the “MAPS Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

8 (1) BROADBAND INTERNET ACCESS SERVICE.—

9 The term “broadband internet access service” has
10 the meaning given the term in section 8.1(b) of title
11 47, Code of Federal Regulations, or any successor
12 regulation.

13 (2) COMMISSION.—The term “Commission”
14 means the Federal Communications Commission.

15 (3) PROVIDER.—The term “provider” means a
16 provider of fixed or mobile broadband internet access
17 service.

18 (4) QUALITY OF SERVICE.—The term “quality
19 of service” means information regarding offered
20 download and upload speeds and latency of a pro-
21 vider’s broadband internet access service as deter-
22 mined by and to the extent otherwise collected by
23 the Commission.

1 **SEC. 3. ENFORCEMENT.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—It shall be unlawful for a person
3 to willfully, knowingly, or recklessly submit broadband
4 internet access service coverage information or data to the
5 Commission for the purposes of compiling a broadband
6 coverage map that is inaccurate with respect to the avail-
7 ability or quality of service of broadband internet access
8 service.

9 (b) PENALTY.—Any person who violates subsection
10 (a) shall be subject to an appropriate penalty, as deter-
11 mined by the Commission, under—

12 (1) the Communications Act of 1934 (47
13 U.S.C. 151 et seq.), including section 501 of that
14 Act (47 U.S.C. 501); and

15 (2) the rules of the Commission.

16 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

17 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
18 graph (2), subsection (a) shall apply with respect to
19 broadband internet access service coverage informa-
20 tion or data that is submitted to the Commission on
21 or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

22 (2) QUALITY OF SERVICE INFORMATION OR
23 DATA.—To the extent broadband internet access
24 service coverage information or data relates to qual-
25 ity of service, subsection (a) shall apply with respect
26 to information or data that is submitted on or after

1 the date that is 180 days after the date of the enact-
2 ment of this Act.

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