

105TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 491

To prohibit the Department of State from imposing a charge or fee for providing passport information to the general public.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 21, 1997

Mr. SAXTON (for himself and Mr. QUINN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

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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 of Passport  
5       Information Act of 1997”.

6       **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION AND REQUIREMENT CONCERNING**  
7                       **DEPARTMENT OF STATE PASSPORT INFOR-**  
8                       **MATION SERVICES.**

9       For fiscal year 1998 and for each subsequent fiscal  
10      year, the Secretary of State shall provide for a United

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1 States passport information telephone inquiry service for  
2 the general public which shall be available without charge  
3 or fee imposed by the Department of State or any other  
4 entity under contract to the Department of State.

