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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CONDIT introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight

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 “Postal Privacy Act of
5 1997”.

1 **SEC. 2. CONDITIONS FOR DISCLOSURE OF NAMES OR AD-**
2 **DRESSES.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 412 of title 39, United
4 States Code, is amended to read as follows:

5 **“§ 412. Conditions for disclosure of names or**
6 **addresses**

7 “(a) No officer or employee of the Postal Service may
8 make available to the public, by any means or for any pur-
9 pose, any names or addresses (past or present) of postal
10 patrons or other persons, except as provided under sub-
11 section (b) or as otherwise specifically provided by law.

12 “(b) The Postal Service shall prescribe such regula-
13 tions as may be necessary to carry out this section. Under
14 the regulations, no disclosure described in subsection (a)
15 shall be allowable except if, or to the extent that—

16 “(1) the disclosure consists of information
17 which—

18 “(A) relates to a change of address; and

19 “(B) was obtained from a person in ac-
20 cordance with subsection (c);

21 “(2) permission to disclose has not been denied
22 under subsection (c)(2); and

23 “(3) the disclosure would contribute to the effi-
24 ciency of postal operations.

1 “(c) Any form used by the Postal Service to obtain
2 information from a person relating to a change of address
3 shall include—

4 “(1) notice of the Postal Service’s information
5 practices under this section, including how, and to
6 whom, any information furnished on such form may
7 be disclosed; and

8 “(2) a means for such person to deny permis-
9 sion for the Postal Service to disclose any informa-
10 tion furnished on such form.”.

11 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-
12 tions for chapter 4 of title 39, United States Code, is
13 amended by striking the item relating to section 412 and
14 inserting the following:

“412. Conditions for disclosure of names or addresses.”.

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