

106TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 1956

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

MAY 26, 1999

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois (for himself, Mr. GILCHREST, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. MCHUGH, Mr. McNULTY, Mr. SCHAFFER, Mr. CANADY of Florida, Mr. TRAFICANT, Mr. HOLDEN, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. CLEMENT, Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. MOORE, Mr. ENGLISH, Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. FARR of California, Mrs. KELLY, Mr. ACKERMAN, and Mr. SHIMKUS) 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 1999”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION AND REQUIREMENT CONCERNING**  
2 **DEPARTMENT OF STATE PASSPORT INFOR-**  
3 **MATION SERVICES.**

4 For fiscal year 2000 and for each subsequent fiscal  
5 year, the Secretary of State shall provide for a United  
6 States passport information telephone inquiry service for  
7 the general public which shall be available without charge  
8 or fee imposed by the Department of State or any other  
9 entity under contract to the Department of State.

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