

106TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 3643

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 10, 2000

Mr. WALDEN of Oregon introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

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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 “American Telecom-  
5 muter Protection Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds the following:

1           (1) It is the best option for many as they raise  
2           families or deal with illness to perform their work at  
3           home.

4           (2) OSHA and other Government entities  
5           should not interfere with the home lives of law-abid-  
6           ing Americans.

7           (3) The Federal Government should not put  
8           employers in a situation where they are required to  
9           interfere with the home life of an employee.

10          (4) The home work environment is sufficiently  
11          different from the work environment envisioned in  
12          the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970.

13 **SEC. 3. APPLICATION OF OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND**  
14 **HEALTH ACT OF 1970.**

15          Section 4(b) of the Occupational Safety and Health  
16          Act of 1970 (29 U.S.C. 653(b)) is amended by adding at  
17          the end the following:

18          “(5) Nothing in this Act shall apply to employment  
19          performed in a workplace which is located in the residence  
20          of the employee engaged in such employment.”.

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