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To prohibit the imposition of access charges and other unfair fees and charges on the provision of Internet services, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. EHRLICH introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Internet Services Pro-
5 motion Act of 2000”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION OF CHARGES ON INTERNET SERVICE**
2 **PROVIDERS.**

3 (a) ACCESS CHARGES.—Section 254 of the Commu-
4 nications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 254) is amended by add-
5 ing at the end the following new subsection:

6 “(l) PROHIBITION OF ACCESS CHARGES ON INTER-
7 NET SERVICE PROVIDERS.—Notwithstanding subsection
8 (b)(4) or (d) or any other provision of this title, the Com-
9 mission shall not impose on any provider of Internet ac-
10 cess service (as such term is defined in section 231(e))
11 any contribution for the support of universal service, or
12 any access charge under part 69 of the Commission’s reg-
13 ulations (47 C.F.R. part 69) or any successor regulation,
14 that is based on a measure of the time that telecommuni-
15 cations services are used in the provision of such Internet
16 access service.”.

17 (b) REGULATORY FEES.—Section 9(h) of the Com-
18 munications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 159(h)) is amended—

19 (1) by striking “or” at the end of paragraph
20 (1); and

21 (2) by inserting before the period at the end the
22 following: “; or (3) providers of Internet access serv-
23 ice (as such term is defined in section 231(e))”.

1 **SEC. 3. EXTENSION OF INTERNET TAX MORATORIUM.**

2 Section 1101(a) of the Internet Tax Freedom Act
3 (title XI of division C of Public Law 105–277) is amended
4 by striking “3 years” and inserting “8 years”.

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