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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. LEAHY introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

2 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the  
3 “Electronic Rights for the 21st Century Act”.

4 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for  
5 this Act is as follows:

- Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.
- Sec. 2. Purposes.
- Sec. 3. Findings.
- Sec. 4. Definitions.

TITLE I—PRIVACY PROTECTION FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND  
ELECTRONIC INFORMATION

- Sec. 101. Enhanced privacy protection for information on computer networks.
- Sec. 102. Government access to location information.
- Sec. 103. Enhanced privacy protection for transactional information obtained  
from pen registers and trap and trace devices.
- Sec. 104. Privacy protection for conference calls.
- Sec. 105. Enhanced privacy protection for packet networks, including the Inter-  
net.
- Sec. 106. Privacy safeguards for information collected by Internet registrars.
- Sec. 107. Reports concerning governmental access to electronic communica-  
tions.
- Sec. 108. Roving wiretaps.
- Sec. 109. Authority to provide customer location information for emergency  
purposes.
- Sec. 110. Confidentiality of subscriber information.

TITLE II—PROMOTING USE OF ENCRYPTION

- Sec. 201. Freedom to use encryption.
- Sec. 202. Purchase and use of encryption products by the Federal Government.
- Sec. 203. Law enforcement decryption assistance.

TITLE III—PRIVACY PROTECTION FOR LIBRARY LOAN AND BOOK  
SALE RECORDS

- Sec. 301. Wrongful disclosure of library loan and book sale records.

TITLE IV—PRIVACY PROTECTION FOR SATELLITE HOME  
VIEWERS

- Sec. 401. Privacy protection for subscribers of satellite television services for  
private home viewing.

6 **SEC. 2. PURPOSES.**

7 The purposes of this Act are—

1           (1) to promote the privacy and constitutional  
2           rights of individuals and organizations in networked  
3           computer systems and other digital environments,  
4           protect the confidentiality of information and secu-  
5           rity of critical infrastructure systems relied on by in-  
6           dividuals, businesses and government agencies, and  
7           properly balance the needs of law enforcement to  
8           have the access to electronic communications and in-  
9           formation in appropriate circumstances;

10          (2) to encourage Americans to develop and de-  
11          ploy encryption technology and to promote the use  
12          of encryption by Americans to protect the security,  
13          confidentiality, and privacy of their lawful wire and  
14          electronic communications and stored electronic in-  
15          formation; and

16          (3) to establish privacy standards and proce-  
17          dures by which investigative or law enforcement offi-  
18          cers and foreign governments may obtain decryption  
19          assistance for encrypted communications and stored  
20          electronic information.

21 **SEC. 3. FINDINGS.**

22          Congress finds that—

23               (1) the digitization of information and the ex-  
24               plosion in the growth of computing and electronic  
25               networking offers tremendous potential benefits to

1 the way Americans live, work, and are entertained,  
2 but also raises new threats to the privacy of the  
3 American people and the competitiveness of Amer-  
4 ican businesses;

5 (2) a secure, private, and trusted national and  
6 global information infrastructure is essential to pro-  
7 mote economic growth, protect privacy, and meet the  
8 needs of the American people and businesses;

9 (3) the rights of Americans to the privacy and  
10 security of their communications and in the con-  
11 ducting of personal and business affairs should be  
12 promoted and protected;

13 (4) the authority and ability of investigative  
14 and law enforcement officers to access and decipher,  
15 in a timely manner and as provided by law, wire and  
16 electronic communications, and stored electronic in-  
17 formation necessary to provide for public safety and  
18 national security should also be preserved;

19 (5) individuals will not entrust their sensitive  
20 personal, medical, financial, and other information  
21 to computers and computer networks unless the se-  
22 curity and privacy of that information is assured;

23 (6) businesses will not entrust their proprietary  
24 and sensitive corporate information, including infor-  
25 mation about products, processes, customers, fi-

1 nances, and employees, to computers and computer  
2 networks unless the security and privacy of that in-  
3 formation is assured;

4 (7) America's critical infrastructures, including  
5 its telecommunications system, banking and finan-  
6 cial infrastructure, and power and transportation in-  
7 frastructure, increasingly rely on vulnerable informa-  
8 tion systems, and will represent a growing risk to  
9 national security and public safety unless the secu-  
10 rity and privacy of those information systems is as-  
11 sured;

12 (8) encryption technology is an essential tool to  
13 promote and protect the privacy, security, confiden-  
14 tiality, integrity, and authenticity of wire and elec-  
15 tronic communications and stored electronic infor-  
16 mation;

17 (9) encryption techniques, technology, pro-  
18 grams, and products are widely available worldwide;

19 (10) Americans should be free to use lawfully  
20 whatever particular encryption techniques, tech-  
21 nologies, programs, or products developed in the  
22 marketplace that best suits their needs in order to  
23 interact electronically with the government and oth-  
24 ers worldwide in a secure, private, and confidential  
25 manner;

1           (11) government mandates for, or otherwise  
2           compelled use of, third-party key recovery systems or  
3           other systems that provide surreptitious access to  
4           encrypted data threatens the security and privacy of  
5           information systems;

6           (12) a national encryption policy is needed to  
7           advance the development of the national and global  
8           information infrastructure, and preserve the right to  
9           privacy of Americans and the public safety and na-  
10          tional security of the United States;

11          (13) Congress and the American people have  
12          recognized the need to balance the right to privacy  
13          and the protection of the public safety with national  
14          security;

15          (14) the Constitution of the United States per-  
16          mits lawful electronic surveillance and the use of  
17          other investigative tools by law enforcement officers  
18          and the seizure of stored electronic information only  
19          upon compliance with stringent standards and proce-  
20          dures designed to protect the right to privacy and  
21          other rights protected under the fourth amendment  
22          of the Constitution of the United States;

23          (15) there is a need to clarify the standards  
24          and procedures by which investigative or law en-

1        enforcement officers obtain decryption assistance from  
2        persons—

3                (A) who are voluntarily entrusted with the  
4                means to decrypt wire and electronic commu-  
5                nications and stored electronic information; or

6                (B) have information that enables the  
7                decryption of such communications and infor-  
8                mation;

9                (16) Americans are increasingly shopping online  
10              and purchasing books from online vendors, and ex-  
11              pect that their choices of reading or viewing mate-  
12              rials will be kept confidential;

13              (17) protecting the confidentiality and privacy  
14              of the books, other written materials, and movies  
15              that a person chooses to read or view should be pro-  
16              tected to ensure the free exercise of first amendment  
17              rights regardless of medium;

18              (18) generally, under current law, telecommuni-  
19              cations carriers may not disclose individually identi-  
20              fiable customer proprietary network information  
21              without their customers' approval, while providers of  
22              electronic communications services and remote com-  
23              puting services may make such disclosure to anyone  
24              other than a governmental entity and have no legal

1 obligation to notify their subscribers when they do  
2 so;

3 (19) subscribers of Internet services through fa-  
4 cilities of cable operators must be given notice and  
5 an opportunity to prohibit disclosure before the cable  
6 operator may disclose any personally identifiable in-  
7 formation, including name or address, about a sub-  
8 scriber to any other person, while providers of elec-  
9 tronic communications services and remote com-  
10 puting services have no similar legal obligation to  
11 protect the privacy of their subscribers; and

12 (20) given the convergence among wireless, wire  
13 line, cable, broadcast, and satellite services, privacy  
14 safeguards should be applied more uniformly across  
15 different media in order to provide a level competi-  
16 tive playing field and consistent privacy protections.

17 **SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.**

18 In this Act:

19 (1) **AGENCY.**—The term “agency”, in the case  
20 of the United States Government, has the meaning  
21 given the term in section 6 of title 18, United States  
22 Code, and includes the United States Postal Service.

23 (2) **ENCRYPT; ENCRYPTION.**—The terms  
24 “encrypt” and “encryption” refer to the scrambling  
25 (and descrambling) of wire communications, elec-



1       tronic communications, or electronically stored infor-  
2       mation using mathematical formulas or algorithms  
3       in order to preserve the confidentiality, integrity, or  
4       authenticity of, and prevent unauthorized recipients  
5       from accessing or altering, such communications or  
6       information.

7           (3)    ENCRYPTION    PRODUCT.—The    term  
8       “encryption product” means a computing device,  
9       computer hardware, computer software, or tech-  
10      nology with encryption capabilities.

11          (4)    KEY.—The term “key” means the variable  
12      information used in or produced by a mathematical  
13      formula, code, or algorithm, or any component  
14      thereof, used to encrypt or decrypt wire communica-  
15      tions, electronic communications, or electronically  
16      stored information.

17          (5)    PERSON.—The term “person” has the  
18      meaning given the term in section 2510(6) of title  
19      18, United States Code.

20          (6)    STATE.—The term “State” includes a State  
21      of the United States, the District of Columbia, and  
22      any commonwealth, territory, or possession of the  
23      United States.

24          (7)    UNITED    STATES    PERSON.—The    term  
25      “United States person” means any—

- 1 (A) national of the United States; or
- 2 (B) legal entity that—
- 3 (i) is organized under the laws of the
- 4 United States or any State; and
- 5 (ii) has its principal place of business
- 6 in the United States.

7 **TITLE I—PRIVACY PROTECTION**

8 **FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND**

9 **ELECTRONIC INFORMATION**

10 **SEC. 101. ENHANCED PRIVACY PROTECTION FOR INFORMA-**

11 **TION ON COMPUTER NETWORKS.**

12 Section 2703(b) of title 18, United States Code, is

13 amended by striking paragraph (1) and inserting the fol-

14 lowing new paragraph (1):

15 “(1) IN GENERAL.—A governmental entity may

16 require a provider of remote computing service to

17 disclose the contents of any electronic communica-

18 tion to which this paragraph is made applicable by

19 paragraph (2)—

20 “(A) pursuant to a warrant issued under

21 the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure or

22 equivalent State warrant, a copy of which war-

23 rant shall be served on the subscriber or cus-

24 tomer of such remote computing service before

1 or at the same time the warrant is served on  
 2 the provider of the remote computing service; or  
 3 “(B) pursuant to a Federal or State grand  
 4 jury or trial subpoena, a copy of which sub-  
 5 poena shall be served on the subscriber or cus-  
 6 tomer of such remote computing service under  
 7 circumstances allowing the subscriber or cus-  
 8 tomer a meaningful opportunity to challenge  
 9 the subpoena.”.

10 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Paragraph (2) of  
 11 that section is amended—

- 12 (1) by indenting the paragraph 2 ems;
- 13 (2) by inserting “APPLICABILITY.—” after
- 14 “(2)”;
- 15 (3) by indenting subparagraphs (A) and (B) 4
- 16 ems.

17 **SEC. 102. GOVERNMENT ACCESS TO LOCATION INFORMA-**  
 18 **TION.**

19 (a) COURT ORDER REQUIRED.—Section 2703 of title  
 20 18, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end  
 21 the following:

22 “(g) DISCLOSURE OF LOCATION INFORMATION TO  
 23 GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES.—

24 “(1) DISCLOSURE UPON COURT ORDER.—A  
 25 provider of mobile electronic communication service

1 shall provide to a governmental entity information  
 2 generated by and disclosing the current physical lo-  
 3 cation of a subscriber’s equipment only if the gov-  
 4 ernmental entity obtains a court order issued upon  
 5 a finding that there is probable cause to believe that  
 6 the equipment has been used, is being used, or is  
 7 about to be used to commit a felony offense.

8 “(2) DISCLOSURE UPON SUBSCRIBER OR USER  
 9 CONSENT.—A provider of mobile electronic commu-  
 10 nication service may provide to a governmental enti-  
 11 ty information described in paragraph (1) with the  
 12 consent of the subscriber or the user of the equip-  
 13 ment concerned.”.

14 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Subsection  
 15 (c)(1)(B) of that section is amended by striking “(b) of  
 16 this section” and inserting “(b), or wireless location infor-  
 17 mation covered by subsection (g)”.

18 **SEC. 103. ENHANCED PRIVACY PROTECTION FOR TRANS-**  
 19 **ACTIONAL INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM**  
 20 **PEN REGISTERS AND TRAP AND TRACE DE-**  
 21 **VICES.**

22 Section 3123(a) of title 18, United States Code, is  
 23 amended to read as follows:

24 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Upon an application made under  
 25 section 3122, the court may enter an ex parte order—

1           “(1) authorizing the installation and use of a  
2       pen register or a trap and trace device within the  
3       jurisdiction of the court if the court finds, based on  
4       the certification by the attorney for the government  
5       or the State law enforcement or investigative officer,  
6       that the information likely to be obtained by such  
7       installation and use is relevant to an ongoing criminal investigation; and

9           “(2) directing that the use of the pen register  
10      or trap and trace device be conducted in such a way  
11      as to minimize the recording or decoding of any electronic or other impulses that are not related to the  
12      dialing and signaling information utilized in call  
13      processing by the service provider upon whom the  
14      order is served.”.

16 **SEC. 104. PRIVACY PROTECTION FOR CONFERENCE CALLS.**

17       Section 2518 of title 18, United States Code, is  
18       amended by adding at the end the following:

19       “(13) The interception of wire or electronic communications pursuant to an order under this section must  
20       be terminated when the facility identified in the order authorizing such interception is no longer being used, unless  
21       the judge determines on the basis of facts submitted by  
22       the applicant that there is probable cause to believe that  
23       an individual continuing as a party to the communication

1 is committing, has committed, or is about to commit a  
 2 particular offense enumerated in the order and there is  
 3 probable cause to believe that particular communications  
 4 concerning that offense will be obtained through such con-  
 5 tinuing interception.”.

6 **SEC. 105. ENHANCED PRIVACY PROTECTION FOR PACKET**  
 7 **NETWORKS, INCLUDING THE INTERNET.**

8 Section 3121(c) of title 18, United States Code, is  
 9 amended by striking “other impulses” and all that follows  
 10 and inserting “other impulses—

11 “(1) to the dialing and signaling information  
 12 utilized in call processing; or

13 “(2) in the case of a packet-switched network,  
 14 to the addressing information.”.

15 **SEC. 106. PRIVACY SAFEGUARDS FOR INFORMATION COL-**  
 16 **LECTED BY INTERNET REGISTRARS.**

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2703 of title 18, United  
 18 States Code, as amended by section 102(a) of this Act,  
 19 is further amended by adding at the end the following:

20 “(h) RECORDS CONCERNING DOMAIN NAME REG-  
 21 ISTRATION SERVICE.—A provider of domain name reg-  
 22 istration service may disclose a record or other informa-  
 23 tion pertaining to a subscriber or customer of such  
 24 service—

25 “(1) to any person—

1           “(A) if the provider has provided the sub-  
 2           scriber or customer, in a clear and conspicuous  
 3           manner, the opportunity to prohibit such disclo-  
 4           sure;

5           “(B) in the case of information that identi-  
 6           fies the service provider hosting the website of  
 7           the subscriber or customer; or

8           “(C) to the extent such disclosure is nec-  
 9           essary incident to the provision of such service  
 10          or for the protection of the rights or property  
 11          of the provider of such service; or

12          “(2) without notice or consent of the subscriber  
 13          or customer in response to a subpoena or warrant  
 14          authorized by a Federal or State statute.”.

15          (b) DOMAIN NAME REGISTRATION SERVICE DE-  
 16          FINED.—Section 2711 of such title is amended—

17               (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “and” at the  
 18               end;

19               (2) in paragraph (2), by striking the period at  
 20               the end and inserting “; and”; and

21               (3) by adding at the end the following:

22               “(3) the term ‘domain name registration serv-  
 23               ice’ means a service to the public for the assignment  
 24               and management of domain names and Internet  
 25               Protocol addresses.”.

1 **SEC. 107. REPORTS CONCERNING GOVERNMENTAL ACCESS**  
2 **TO ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS.**

3 Section 2703 of title 18, United States Code, as  
4 amended by section 106(a) of this Act, is further amended  
5 by adding at the end the following:

6 “(i) **REPORTS.**—In April each year, the Attorney  
7 General shall transmit to Congress a full and complete re-  
8 port on—

9 “(1) the number and kind of warrants, orders,  
10 and subpoenas applied for by law enforcement agen-  
11 cies of the Department of Justice under this section;

12 “(2) the number of such applications granted or  
13 denied; and

14 “(3) with respect to each warrant, order, or  
15 subpoena issued under this section—

16 “(A) the number and type of communica-  
17 tions disclosed;

18 “(B) the approximate number and fre-  
19 quency of incriminating communications dis-  
20 closed;

21 “(C) the offense specified in the applica-  
22 tion; and

23 “(D) the approximate number of persons  
24 whose communications were intercepted.”.



1 **SEC. 108. ROVING WIRETAPS.**

2 (a) SCOPE OF WIRETAPS.—Subsection (11)(b) of sec-  
 3 tion 2518 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by  
 4 striking clauses (ii) through (iv) and inserting the fol-  
 5 lowing new clauses:

6 “(ii) the application identifies the person  
 7 believed to be committing the offense and whose  
 8 communications are to be intercepted and the  
 9 applicant makes a showing that—

10 “(I) the person changes facilities in a  
 11 way that has the effect of thwarting inter-  
 12 ception from a specified facility; or

13 “(II) the person intends to thwart  
 14 interception by changing facilities; and

15 “(iii) the judge finds that such showing  
 16 has been adequately made.”.

17 (b) LIMITATION.—Subsection (12) of that section is  
 18 amended—

19 (1) by inserting “(a)” after “(12)”; and

20 (2) by adding at the end the following:

21 “(b) Each order and extension thereof to which the  
 22 requirements of subsections (1)(b)(ii) and (3)(D) of this  
 23 section do not apply by reason of subsection (11) of this  
 24 section shall provide that the authorization to intercept  
 25 only applies to communications to which the person be-

1 lieved to be committing the offense and named in the order  
 2 is a party.”.

3 **SEC. 109. AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE CUSTOMER LOCATION**  
 4 **INFORMATION FOR EMERGENCY PURPOSES.**

5 (a) USE OF CALL LOCATION AND CRASH NOTIFICA-  
 6 TION INFORMATION.—Subsection (d) of section 222 of the  
 7 Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 222) is  
 8 amended—

9 (1) by striking “or” at the end of paragraph  
 10 (2);

11 (2) by striking the period at the end of para-  
 12 graph (3) and inserting a semicolon; and

13 (3) by adding at the end the following new  
 14 paragraphs:

15 “(4) to provide call location information con-  
 16 cerning the user of a commercial mobile service (as  
 17 such term is defined in section 332(d))—

18 “(A) to a public safety answering point,  
 19 emergency medical service provider or emer-  
 20 gency dispatch provider, public safety official,  
 21 fire service official, law enforcement official,  
 22 hospital emergency facility, or trauma care fa-  
 23 cility in order to respond to the user’s call for  
 24 emergency services;

1 “(B) to inform the user’s legal guardian or  
 2 members of the user’s immediate family of the  
 3 user’s location in an emergency situation that  
 4 involves the risk of death or serious physical  
 5 harm; or

6 “(C) to providers of information or data-  
 7 base management services solely for purposes of  
 8 assisting in the delivery of emergency services  
 9 in response to an emergency; or

10 “(5) to transmit automatic crash notification  
 11 information as part of the operation of an automatic  
 12 crash notification system.”.

13 (b) CUSTOMER APPROVAL OF USE OF CALL LOCA-  
 14 TION AND CRASH NOTIFICATION INFORMATION.—That  
 15 section is further amended—

16 (1) by redesignating subsection (f) as sub-  
 17 section (h); and

18 (2) by inserting after subsection (e) the fol-  
 19 lowing new subsection (f):

20 “(f) CUSTOMER APPROVAL OF USE OF CALL LOCA-  
 21 TION INFORMATION AND CRASH NOTIFICATION INFORMA-  
 22 TION.—For purposes of subsection (e)(1), without the ex-  
 23 press prior authorization of the customer, a customer shall  
 24 not be considered to have approved the use or disclosure  
 25 of or access to—

1           “(1) call location information concerning the  
 2           user of a commercial mobile service (as such term is  
 3           defined in section 332(d)), other than in accordance  
 4           with subsection (d)(4); or

5           “(2) automatic crash notification information to  
 6           any person other than for use in the operation of an  
 7           automatic crash notification system.”.

8           (c) USE OF LISTED AND UNLISTED SUBSCRIBER IN-  
 9           FORMATION FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES.—That section is  
 10          further amended by inserting after subsection (f), as  
 11          amended by subsection (b) of this section, the following  
 12          new subsection (g):

13          “(g) SUBSCRIBER LISTED AND UNLISTED INFORMA-  
 14          TION FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES.—Notwithstanding sub-  
 15          sections (b), (c), and (d), a telecommunications carrier  
 16          that provides telephone exchange service shall provide in-  
 17          formation described in subsection (h)(3)(A) (including in-  
 18          formation pertaining to subscribers whose information is  
 19          unlisted or unpublished) that is in its possession or control  
 20          (including information pertaining to subscribers of other  
 21          carriers) on a timely and unbundled basis, under non-  
 22          discriminatory and reasonable rates, terms, and conditions  
 23          to providers of emergency services, and providers of emer-  
 24          gency support services, solely for purposes of delivering  
 25          or assisting in the delivery of emergency services.”.

1 (d) DEFINITIONS.—Subsection (h) of that section, as  
 2 redesignated by subsection (b)(1) of this section, is  
 3 amended—

4 (1) in paragraph (1)(A), by inserting “loca-  
 5 tion,” after “destination,”; and

6 (2) by adding at the end the following:

7 “(4) PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINT.—The  
 8 term ‘public safety answering point’ means a facility  
 9 that has been designated to receive emergency calls  
 10 and route them to emergency service personnel.

11 “(5) EMERGENCY SERVICES.—The term ‘emer-  
 12 gency services’ means 911 emergency services and  
 13 emergency notification services.

14 “(6) EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SERVICES.—  
 15 The term ‘emergency notification services’ means  
 16 services that notify the public of an emergency.

17 “(7) EMERGENCY SUPPORT SERVICES.—The  
 18 term ‘emergency support services’ means informa-  
 19 tion or data base management services used in sup-  
 20 port of emergency services.”.

21 **SEC. 110. CONFIDENTIALITY OF SUBSCRIBER INFORMA-**  
 22 **TION.**

23 Section 2703(c) of title 18, United States Code, is  
 24 amended—

1           (1) in paragraph (1)(A), by inserting before the  
2           period at the end the following: “only if such disclo-  
3           sure is—

4           “(i) necessary to initiate, render, bill, and col-  
5           lect for such service;

6           “(ii) necessary to protect the rights or property  
7           of the provider of such service;

8           “(iii) required by law;

9           “(iv) made at the request of the subscriber or  
10          customer; or

11          “(v) if the provider has provided the subscriber  
12          or customer, in a clear and conspicuous manner,  
13          with the opportunity to prohibit such disclosure.”;  
14          and

15          (2) by adding at the end the following:

16          “(3) Nothing in this subsection may be construed to  
17          prohibit a provider of electronic communication service or  
18          remote computing service from using, disclosing, or per-  
19          mitting access to aggregate subscriber information from  
20          which individual subscriber identities and characteristics  
21          have been removed.”.

## 1     **TITLE II—PROMOTING USE OF** 2                   **ENCRYPTION**

### 3     **SEC. 201. FREEDOM TO USE ENCRYPTION.**

4           (a) NO DOMESTIC ENCRYPTION CONTROLS.—It shall  
5 be lawful for any person within the United States, and  
6 for any United States person in a foreign country, to use,  
7 develop, manufacture, sell, distribute, or import any  
8 encryption product, regardless of the encryption algorithm  
9 selected, encryption key length chosen, existence of key re-  
10 covery or other plaintext access capability, or implementa-  
11 tion or medium used.

12          (b) PROHIBITION ON GOVERNMENT-COMPELLED  
13 KEY ESCROW OR KEY RECOVERY.—

14               (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-  
15 graph (3), no agency of the United States may re-  
16 quire, compel, set standards for, condition any ap-  
17 proval on, or condition the receipt of any benefit on,  
18 a requirement that a decryption key, access to a  
19 decryption key, key recovery information, or other  
20 plaintext access capability be—

21                   (A) required to be built into computer  
22 hardware or software for any purpose;

23                   (B) given to any other person, including  
24 any agency of the United States or a State, or  
25 any entity in the private sector; or

1 (C) retained by the owner or user of an  
2 encryption key or any other person, other than  
3 for encryption products for the use of the Fed-  
4 eral Government or a State government.

5 (2) USE OF PARTICULAR PRODUCTS.—No agen-  
6 cy of the United States may require any person who  
7 is not an employee or agent of the United States or  
8 a State to use any key recovery or other plaintext  
9 access features for communicating or transacting  
10 business with any agency of the United States.

11 (3) EXCEPTIONS.—The prohibition in para-  
12 graph (1) does not apply to—

13 (A) encryption used by an agency of the  
14 United States, or the employees or agents of  
15 such agency, solely for the internal operations  
16 and telecommunications systems of the United  
17 States Government; or

18 (B) the authority of any investigative or  
19 law enforcement officer, or any member of the  
20 intelligence community (as defined in section 3  
21 of the National Security Act of 1947 (50  
22 U.S.C. 401a)), acting under any law in effect  
23 on the date of enactment of this Act, to gain  
24 access to encrypted communications or informa-  
25 tion.



1 (c) USE OF ENCRYPTION FOR AUTHENTICATION OR  
 2 INTEGRITY PURPOSES.—No agency of the United States  
 3 shall establish any condition, tie, or link between  
 4 encryption products, standards, and services used for con-  
 5 fidentiality purposes and those used for authentication, in-  
 6 tegrity, or access control purposes.

7 **SEC. 202. PURCHASE AND USE OF ENCRYPTION PRODUCTS**  
 8 **BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.**

9 To ensure that secure electronic access to the Federal  
 10 Government is available to persons outside of and not op-  
 11 erating under contract with agencies of the United States,  
 12 the Federal Government may not purchase any encryption  
 13 product with a key recovery or other plaintext access fea-  
 14 ture if such key recovery or plaintext access feature would  
 15 interfere with use of the full encryption capabilities of the  
 16 product when interoperating with other commercial  
 17 encryption products.

18 **SEC. 203. LAW ENFORCEMENT DECRYPTION ASSISTANCE.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—Part I of title 18, United States  
 20 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

21 **“CHAPTER 124—ENCRYPTED WIRE OR**  
 22 **ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS AND**  
 23 **STORED ELECTRONIC INFORMATION**

“Sec.

“2801. Definitions.

“2802. Access to decryption assistance for communications.

“2803. Access to decryption assistance for stored electronic communications or records.

“2804. Foreign government access to decryption assistance.

# 1   **“§ 2801. Definitions**

2       “In this chapter:

3           “(1) DECRYPTION ASSISTANCE.—The term  
4       ‘decryption assistance’ means assistance that pro-  
5       vides or facilitates access to the plaintext of an  
6       encrypted wire or electronic communication or stored  
7       electronic information, including the disclosure of a  
8       decryption key or the use of a decryption key to  
9       produce plaintext.

10          “(2) DECRYPTION KEY.—The term ‘decryption  
11       key’ means the variable information used in or pro-  
12       duced by a mathematical formula, code, or algo-  
13       rithm, or any component thereof, used to decrypt a  
14       wire communication or electronic communication or  
15       stored electronic information that has been  
16       encrypted.

17          “(3) ENCRYPT; ENCRYPTION.—The terms  
18       ‘encrypt’ and ‘encryption’ refer to the scrambling  
19       (and descrambling) of wire communications, elec-  
20       tronic communications, or electronically stored infor-  
21       mation using mathematical formulas or algorithms  
22       in order to preserve the confidentiality, integrity, or  
23       authenticity of, and prevent unauthorized recipients

1 from accessing or altering, such communications or  
2 information.

3 “(4) FOREIGN GOVERNMENT.—The term ‘for-  
4 eign government’ has the meaning given the term in  
5 section 1116.

6 “(5) OFFICIAL REQUEST.—The term ‘official  
7 request’ has the meaning given the term in section  
8 3506(e).

9 “(6) INCORPORATED DEFINITIONS.—Any term  
10 used in this chapter that is not defined in this chap-  
11 ter and that is defined in section 2510, has the  
12 meaning given the term in section 2510.

13 **“§ 2802. Access to decryption assistance for commu-  
14 nications**

15 “(a) CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS.—

16 “(1) IN GENERAL.—An order authorizing the  
17 interception of a wire or electronic communication  
18 under section 2518 shall, upon request of the appli-  
19 cant, direct that a provider of wire or electronic  
20 communication service, or any other person pos-  
21 sessing information capable of decrypting that com-  
22 munication, other than a person whose communica-  
23 tions are the subject of the interception, shall  
24 promptly furnish the applicant with the necessary  
25 decryption assistance, if the court finds that the

1 decryption assistance sought is necessary for the  
2 decryption of a communication intercepted pursuant  
3 to the order.

4 “(2) LIMITATIONS.—Each order described in  
5 paragraph (1), and any extension of such an order,  
6 shall—

7 “(A) contain a provision that the  
8 decryption assistance provided shall involve dis-  
9 closure of a private decryption key only if no  
10 other form of decryption assistance is available  
11 and otherwise shall be limited to the minimum  
12 necessary to decrypt the communications inter-  
13 cepted pursuant to such order; and

14 “(B) terminate on the earlier of—

15 “(i) the date on which the authorized  
16 objective is attained; or

17 “(ii) 30 days after the date on which  
18 the order or extension, as applicable, is  
19 issued.

20 “(3) NOTICE.—If decryption assistance is pro-  
21 vided pursuant to an order under this subsection,  
22 the court issuing the order shall cause to be served  
23 on the person whose communications are the subject  
24 of such decryption assistance, as part of the inven-  
25 tory required to be served pursuant to section

1       2518(8), notice of the receipt of the decryption as-  
2       sistance and a specific description of the decryption  
3       keys or other decryption assistance disclosed.

4       “(b) FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE INVESTIGATIONS.—

5           “(1) IN GENERAL.—An order authorizing the  
6       interception of a wire or electronic communication  
7       under section 105(b)(2) of the Foreign Intelligence  
8       Surveillance Act of 1978 (50 U.S.C. 1805(b)(2))  
9       shall, upon request of the applicant, direct that a  
10      provider of wire or electronic communication service,  
11      or any other person possessing information capable  
12      of decrypting such communications, other than a  
13      person whose communications are the subject of the  
14      interception, shall promptly furnish the applicant  
15      with the necessary decryption assistance, if the court  
16      finds that the decryption assistance sought is nec-  
17      essary for the decryption of a communication inter-  
18      cepted pursuant to the order.

19           “(2) LIMITATIONS.—Each order described in  
20      paragraph (1), and any extension of such an order,  
21      shall—

22           “(A)    contain a provision that the  
23           decryption assistance provided shall be limited  
24           to the minimum necessary to decrypt the com-

1           munications intercepted pursuant to such order;  
 2           and

3           “(B) terminate on the earlier of—

4                   “(i) the date on which the authorized  
 5                   objective is attained; or

6                   “(ii) 30 days after the date on which  
 7                   the order or extension, as applicable, is  
 8                   issued.

9       “(c) GENERAL PROHIBITION ON DISCLOSURE.—  
 10 Other than pursuant to an order under subsection (a) or  
 11 (b), no person possessing information capable of  
 12 decrypting a wire or electronic communication of another  
 13 person shall disclose that information or provide  
 14 decryption assistance to an investigative or law enforce-  
 15 ment officer.

16 **“§ 2803. Access to decryption assistance for stored**  
 17 **electronic communications or records**

18       “(a) DECRYPTION ASSISTANCE.—No person may dis-  
 19 close a decryption key or provide decryption assistance  
 20 pertaining to the contents of stored electronic communica-  
 21 tions or records, including those disclosed pursuant to sec-  
 22 tion 2703, to a governmental entity, except—

23           “(1) pursuant to a warrant issued under the  
 24       Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure or an equiva-  
 25       lent State warrant, a copy of which warrant shall be

1 served on the person who created the electronic com-  
2 munication or record before or at the same time  
3 service is made on the keyholder;

4 “(2) pursuant to a subpoena, a copy of which  
5 subpoena shall be served on the person who created  
6 the electronic communication or record, under cir-  
7 cumstances allowing the person meaningful oppor-  
8 tunity to challenge the subpoena; or

9 “(3) upon the consent of the person who cre-  
10 ated the electronic communication or record.

11 “(b) DELAY OF NOTIFICATION.—In the case of com-  
12 munications disclosed pursuant to section 2703(a), service  
13 of the copy of the warrant or subpoena on the person who  
14 created the electronic communication or record may be de-  
15 layed for a period of not to exceed 90 days upon request  
16 to the court by the governmental entity requiring the  
17 decryption assistance, if the court determines that there  
18 is reason to believe that notification of the existence of  
19 the court order or subpoena may have an adverse result  
20 described in section 2705(a)(2).

21 **“§ 2804. Foreign government access to decryption as-**  
22 **sistance**

23 “(a) IN GENERAL.—No investigative or law enforce-  
24 ment officer may—

1           “(1) release a decryption key to a foreign gov-  
 2           ernment or to a law enforcement agency of a foreign  
 3           government; or

4           “(2) except as provided in subsection (b), pro-  
 5           vide decryption assistance to a foreign government  
 6           or to a law enforcement agency of a foreign govern-  
 7           ment.

8           “(b) CONDITIONS FOR COOPERATION WITH FOREIGN  
 9           GOVERNMENT.—

10           “(1) APPLICATION FOR ORDER.—In any case in  
 11           which the United States has entered into a treaty or  
 12           convention with a foreign government to provide mu-  
 13           tual assistance with respect to providing decryption  
 14           assistance, the Attorney General (or the designee of  
 15           the Attorney General) may, upon an official request  
 16           to the United States from the foreign government,  
 17           apply for an order described in paragraph (2) from  
 18           the district court in which the person possessing in-  
 19           formation capable of decrypting the encrypted com-  
 20           munication or stored electronic information at issue  
 21           resides—

22           “(A) directing that person to release a  
 23           decryption key or provide decryption assistance  
 24           to the Attorney General (or the designee of the  
 25           Attorney General); and



1           “(B) authorizing the Attorney General (or  
 2           the designee of the Attorney General) to furnish  
 3           the foreign government with the plaintext of the  
 4           communication or information at issue.

5           “(2) CONTENTS OF ORDER.—An order de-  
 6           scribed in this paragraph is an order directing the  
 7           person possessing information capable of decrypting  
 8           the communication or information at issue to—

9           “(A) release a decryption key to the Attor-  
 10          ney General (or the designee of the Attorney  
 11          General) so that the plaintext of the commu-  
 12          nication or information may be furnished to the  
 13          foreign government; or

14          “(B) provide decryption assistance to the  
 15          Attorney General (or the designee of the Attor-  
 16          ney General) so that the plaintext of the com-  
 17          munication or information may be furnished to  
 18          the foreign government.

19          “(3) REQUIREMENTS FOR ORDER.—The court  
 20          described in paragraph (1) may issue an order de-  
 21          scribed in paragraph (2) if the court finds, on the  
 22          basis of an application made by the Attorney Gen-  
 23          eral under this subsection, that—

24          “(A) the decryption key or decryption as-  
 25          sistance sought is necessary for the decryption

1 of a communication or information that the for-  
 2 eign government is authorized to intercept or  
 3 seize pursuant to the law of the foreign country;

4 “(B) the law of the foreign country pro-  
 5 vides for adequate protection against arbitrary  
 6 interference with respect to privacy rights; and

7 “(C) the decryption key or decryption as-  
 8 sistance is being sought in connection with a  
 9 criminal investigation for conduct that would  
 10 constitute a violation of a criminal law of the  
 11 United States if committed within the jurisdic-  
 12 tion of the United States.”.

13 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for part  
 14 I of title 18, United States Code, is amended by adding  
 15 at the end the following:

“124. **Encrypted wire or electronic communications and**  
**stored electronic information** ..... 2801”.

16 **TITLE III—PRIVACY PROTEC-**  
 17 **TION FOR LIBRARY LOAN**  
 18 **AND BOOK SALE RECORDS**

19 **SEC. 301. WRONGFUL DISCLOSURE OF LIBRARY LOAN AND**  
 20 **BOOK SALE RECORDS.**

21 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2710 of title 18, United  
 22 States Code, is amended—

23 (1) by redesignating subsections (c) through (f)  
 24 as subsections (d) through (g), respectively; and

1           (2) by striking the section designation and all  
 2           that follows through the end of subsection (b) and  
 3           inserting the following:

4   **“§ 2710. Wrongful disclosure of video tape rental or**  
 5                 **sale records and library loan and book**  
 6                 **sale records**

7           “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

8                 “(1) The term ‘book seller’ means any person,  
 9                 engaged in the business, in or affecting interstate or  
 10                foreign commerce, of selling books, magazines, or  
 11                other printed material, or any person or other entity  
 12                to whom a disclosure is made under subparagraph  
 13                (D) or (E) of subsection (b)(2), but only with re-  
 14                spect to the information contained in the disclosure.

15               “(2) The term ‘consumer’ means any renter,  
 16                purchaser, or subscriber of goods or services from a  
 17                video tape service provider or book seller.

18               “(3) The term ‘library’ means an institution  
 19                that operates as a public library or serves as a li-  
 20                brary for any university, school, or college.

21               “(4) The term ‘ordinary course of business’  
 22                means only debt collection activities, order fulfill-  
 23                ment, request processing, and the transfer of owner-  
 24                ship.

1           “(5) The term ‘patron’ means any individual  
2 who requests or receives—

3           “(A) services within a library; or

4           “(B) books or other materials on loan from  
5 a library.

6           “(6) The term ‘personally identifiable informa-  
7 tion’ includes the following:

8           “(A) Information that identifies a person  
9 as having requested or obtained specific video  
10 materials or services from a video tape service  
11 provider.

12           “(B) Information that identifies a person  
13 as having requested or obtained specific books,  
14 magazines, or other printed material from a  
15 book seller.

16           “(C) Information that identifies a person  
17 as having requested or obtained any materials  
18 or services from a library.

19           “(7) The term ‘video tape service provider’  
20 means any person, engaged in the business, in or af-  
21 fecting interstate or foreign commerce, of rental,  
22 sale, or delivery of prerecorded video cassette tapes  
23 or similar audio visual materials, or any person or  
24 other entity to whom a disclosure is made under  
25 subparagraph (D) or (E) of subsection (b)(2), but

1       only with respect to the information contained in the  
2       disclosure.

3       “(b) VIDEO TAPE RENTAL AND SALE AND BOOK  
4       SALE RECORDS.—

5               “(1) IN GENERAL.—A video tape service pro-  
6       vider or book seller who knowingly discloses, to any  
7       person, personally identifiable information con-  
8       cerning any consumer of such provider or seller, as  
9       the case may be, shall be liable to the aggrieved per-  
10      son for the relief provided in subsection (d).

11              “(2) DISCLOSURE.—A video tape service pro-  
12      vider or book seller may disclose personally identifi-  
13      able information concerning any consumer—

14                      “(A) to the consumer;

15                      “(B) to any person with the informed,  
16      written consent of the consumer given at the  
17      time the disclosure is sought;

18                      “(C) to a law enforcement agency pursuant  
19      to a warrant issued under the Federal Rules of  
20      Criminal Procedure, an equivalent State war-  
21      rant, or a court order issued in accordance with  
22      paragraph (4);

23                      “(D) to any person if the disclosure is sole-  
24      ly of the names and addresses of consumers  
25      and if—

1           “(i) the video tape service provider or  
2           book seller, as the case may be, has pro-  
3           vided the consumer, in a clear and con-  
4           spicuous manner, with the opportunity to  
5           prohibit such disclosure; and

6           “(ii) the disclosure does not identify  
7           the title, description, or subject matter of  
8           any video tapes or other audio visual mate-  
9           rial, or books, magazines, or other printed  
10          material, except that the subject matter of  
11          such materials may be disclosed if the dis-  
12          closure is for the exclusive use of mar-  
13          keting goods and services directly to the  
14          consumer;

15          “(E) to any person if the disclosure is inci-  
16          dent to the ordinary course of business of the  
17          video tape service provider or book seller; or

18          “(F) pursuant to a court order, in a civil  
19          proceeding upon a showing of compelling need  
20          for the information that cannot be accommo-  
21          dated by any other means, if—

22                 “(i) the consumer is given reasonable  
23                 notice, by the person seeking the disclo-  
24                 sure, of the court proceeding relevant to  
25                 the issuance of the court order; and

1                   “(ii) the consumer is afforded the op-  
2                   portunity to appear and contest the claim  
3                   of the person seeking the disclosure.

4                   “(3) SAFEGUARDS.—If an order is granted pur-  
5                   suant to subparagraph (C) or (F) of paragraph (2),  
6                   the court shall impose appropriate safeguards  
7                   against unauthorized disclosure.

8                   “(4) COURT ORDERS.—A court order author-  
9                   izing disclosure under paragraph (2)(C) shall issue  
10                  only with prior notice to the consumer and only if  
11                  the law enforcement agency shows that there is  
12                  probable cause to believe that a person has engaged,  
13                  is engaging, or is about to engage in criminal activ-  
14                  ity and that the records or other information sought  
15                  are material to the investigation of such activity. In  
16                  the case of a State government authority, such a  
17                  court order shall not issue if prohibited by the law  
18                  of such State. A court issuing an order pursuant to  
19                  this subsection, on a motion made promptly by the  
20                  video tape service provider or the book seller, may  
21                  quash or modify such order if the information or  
22                  records requested are unreasonably voluminous in  
23                  nature or if compliance with such order otherwise  
24                  would cause an unreasonable burden on such pro-  
25                  vider or seller, as the case may be.

1 “(c) LIBRARY RECORDS.—

2 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Any library that knowingly  
3 discloses, to any person, personally identifiable infor-  
4 mation concerning any patron of the library shall be  
5 liable to the aggrieved person as provided in sub-  
6 section (d).

7 “(2) DISCLOSURE.—A library may disclose per-  
8 sonally identifiable information concerning any  
9 patron—

10 “(A) to the patron;

11 “(B) to any person with the informed writ-  
12 ten consent of the patron given at the time the  
13 disclosure is sought;

14 “(C) to a law enforcement agency pursuant  
15 to a warrant issued under the Federal Rules of  
16 Criminal Procedure, an equivalent State war-  
17 rant, or a court order issued in accordance with  
18 paragraph (4);

19 “(D) to any person if the disclosure is sole-  
20 ly of the names and addresses of patrons and  
21 if—

22 “(i) the library has provided the pa-  
23 tron with a written statement that affords  
24 the patron the opportunity to prohibit such  
25 disclosure; and



1 “(ii) the disclosure does not reveal, di-  
 2 rectly or indirectly, the title, description, or  
 3 subject matter of any library materials  
 4 borrowed or services utilized by the patron;

5 “(E) to any authorized person if the disclo-  
 6 sure is necessary for the retrieval of overdue li-  
 7 brary materials or the recoupment of compensa-  
 8 tion for damaged or lost library materials; or

9 “(F) pursuant to a court order, in a civil  
 10 proceeding upon a showing of compelling need  
 11 for the information that cannot be accommo-  
 12 dated by any other means, if—

13 “(i) the patron is given reasonable no-  
 14 tice, by the person seeking the disclosure,  
 15 of the court proceeding relevant to the  
 16 issuance of the court order; and

17 “(ii) the patron is afforded the oppor-  
 18 tunity to appear and contest the claim of  
 19 the person seeking the disclosure.

20 “(3) SAFEGUARDS.—If an order is granted pur-  
 21 suant to subparagraph (C) or (F) of paragraph (2),  
 22 the court shall impose appropriate safeguards  
 23 against unauthorized disclosure.

24 “(4) COURT ORDERS.—A court order author-  
 25 izing disclosure under paragraph (2)(C) shall issue

1       only with prior notice to the patron and only if the  
2       law enforcement agency shows that there is probable  
3       cause to believe that a person has engaged, is engag-  
4       ing or is about to engage in criminal activity and  
5       that the records or other information sought are ma-  
6       terial to the investigation of such activity. In the  
7       case of a State government authority, such a court  
8       order shall not issue if prohibited by the law of such  
9       State. A court issuing an order pursuant to this sub-  
10      section, on a motion made promptly by the library,  
11      may quash or modify such order if the information  
12      or records requested are unreasonably voluminous in  
13      nature or if compliance with such order otherwise  
14      would cause an unreasonable burden on the li-  
15      brary.”.

16      (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The item relating to  
17      section 2701 in the analysis for chapter 121 of title 18,  
18      United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

“2710. Wrongful disclosure of video tape rental or sale records and library loan  
and book sale records.”.

1 **TITLE IV—PRIVACY PROTEC-**  
2 **TION FOR SATELLITE HOME**  
3 **VIEWERS**

4 **SEC. 401. PRIVACY PROTECTION FOR SUBSCRIBERS OF**  
5 **SATELLITE TELEVISION SERVICES FOR PRI-**  
6 **VATE HOME VIEWING.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 631 of the Communica-  
8 tions Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 551) is amended to read  
9 as follows:

10 **“SEC. 631. PRIVACY OF SUBSCRIBER INFORMATION FOR**  
11 **SUBSCRIBERS OF CABLE SERVICE AND SAT-**  
12 **ELLITE TELEVISION SERVICE.**

13 “(a) NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS REGARDING PERSON-  
14 ALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION.—At the time of en-  
15 tering into an agreement to provide any cable service, sat-  
16 ellite home viewing service, or other service to a sub-  
17 scriber, and not less often than annually thereafter, a  
18 cable operator, satellite carrier, or distributor shall provide  
19 notice in the form of a separate, written statement to such  
20 subscriber that clearly and conspicuously informs the sub-  
21 scriber of—

22 “(1) the nature of personally identifiable infor-  
23 mation collected or to be collected with respect to  
24 the subscriber as a result of the provision of such

1 service and the nature of the use of such informa-  
2 tion;

3 “(2) the nature, frequency, and purpose of any  
4 disclosure that may be made of such information, in-  
5 cluding an identification of the types of persons to  
6 whom the disclosure may be made;

7 “(3) the period during which such information  
8 will be maintained by the cable operator, satellite  
9 carrier, or distributor;

10 “(4) the times and place at which the sub-  
11 scriber may have access to such information in ac-  
12 cordance with subsection (d); and

13 “(5) the limitations provided by this section  
14 with respect to the collection and disclosure of infor-  
15 mation by the cable operator, satellite carrier, or dis-  
16 tributor and the right of the subscriber under this  
17 section to enforce such limitations.

18 “(b) COLLECTION OF PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE  
19 INFORMATION.—

20 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-  
21 graph (2), a cable operator, satellite carrier, or dis-  
22 tributor shall not use its cable or satellite system to  
23 collect personally identifiable information concerning  
24 any subscriber without the prior written or electronic  
25 consent of the subscriber.

1           “(2) EXCEPTION.—A cable operator, satellite  
 2           carrier, or distributor may use its cable or satellite  
 3           system to collect information described in paragraph  
 4           (1) in order to—

5                   “(A) obtain information necessary to  
 6           render a cable or satellite service or other serv-  
 7           ice provided by the cable operator, satellite car-  
 8           rier, or distributor to the subscriber; or

9                   “(B) detect unauthorized reception of cable  
 10          or satellite communications.

11          “(c) DISCLOSURE OF PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE  
 12          INFORMATION.—

13               “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-  
 14          graph (2), a cable operator, satellite carrier, or dis-  
 15          tributor may not disclose personally identifiable in-  
 16          formation concerning any subscriber without the  
 17          prior written or electronic consent of the subscriber  
 18          and shall take such actions as are necessary to pre-  
 19          vent unauthorized access to such information by a  
 20          person other than the subscriber or the cable oper-  
 21          ator, satellite carrier, or distributor.

22               “(2) EXCEPTIONS.—A cable operator, satellite  
 23          carrier, or distributor may disclose information de-  
 24          scribed in paragraph (1) if the disclosure is—

1           “(A) necessary to render, or conduct a le-  
 2           gitimate business activity related to, a cable or  
 3           satellite service or other service provided by the  
 4           cable operator, satellite carrier, or distributor to  
 5           the subscriber;

6           “(B) subject to paragraph (3), made pur-  
 7           suant to a court order authorizing such disclo-  
 8           sure, if the subscriber is notified of such order  
 9           by the person to whom the order is directed; or

10          “(C) a disclosure of the names and ad-  
 11          dresses of subscribers to any other provider of  
 12          cable or satellite service or other service, if—

13               “(i) the cable operator, satellite car-  
 14               rier, or distributor has provided the sub-  
 15               scriber the opportunity to prohibit or limit  
 16               such disclosure; and

17               “(ii) the disclosure does not reveal, di-  
 18               rectly or indirectly—

19                       “(I) the extent of any viewing or  
 20                       other use by the subscriber of a cable  
 21                       or satellite service or other service  
 22                       provided by the cable operator, sat-  
 23                       ellite carrier, or distributor; or

24                       “(II) the nature of any trans-  
 25                       action made by the subscriber over

1                   the cable or satellite system of the  
2                   cable operator, satellite carrier, or dis-  
3                   tributor.

4                   “(3) COURT ORDERS.—A governmental entity  
5                   may obtain personally identifiable information con-  
6                   cerning a cable or satellite subscriber pursuant to a  
7                   court order only if, in the court proceeding relevant  
8                   to such court order—

9                   “(A) such entity offers clear and con-  
10                  vincing evidence that the subject of the infor-  
11                  mation is reasonably suspected of engaging in  
12                  criminal activity and that the information  
13                  sought would be material evidence in the case;  
14                  and

15                  “(B) the subject of the information is af-  
16                  forded the opportunity to appear and contest  
17                  such entity’s claim.

18                  “(d) SUBSCRIBER ACCESS TO INFORMATION.—A  
19                  cable or satellite subscriber shall be provided access to all  
20                  personally identifiable information regarding that sub-  
21                  scriber that is collected and maintained by a cable oper-  
22                  ator, satellite carrier, or distributor. Such information  
23                  shall be made available to the subscriber at reasonable  
24                  times and at a convenient place designated by such cable  
25                  operator, satellite carrier, or distributor. A cable or sat-

1 elite subscriber shall be provided reasonable opportunity  
 2 to correct any error in such information.

3 “(e) DESTRUCTION OF INFORMATION.—A cable oper-  
 4 ator, satellite carrier, or distributor shall destroy person-  
 5 ally identifiable information if the information is no longer  
 6 necessary for the purpose for which it was collected and  
 7 there are no pending requests or orders for access to such  
 8 information under subsection (d) or pursuant to a court  
 9 order.

10 “(f) RELIEF.—

11 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Any person aggrieved by  
 12 any act of a cable operator, satellite carrier, or dis-  
 13 tributor in violation of this section may bring a civil  
 14 action in a district court of the United States.

15 “(2) DAMAGES AND COSTS.—In any action  
 16 brought under paragraph (1), the court may award  
 17 a prevailing plaintiff—

18 “(A) actual damages but not less than liq-  
 19 uidated damages computed at the rate of \$100  
 20 a day for each day of violation or \$1,000,  
 21 whichever is greater;

22 “(B) punitive damages; and

23 “(C) reasonable attorneys’ fees and other  
 24 litigation costs reasonably incurred.



1           “(3) NO EFFECT ON OTHER REMEDIES.—The  
 2       remedy provided by this subsection shall be in addi-  
 3       tion to any other remedy available under any provi-  
 4       sion of law to a cable or satellite subscriber.

5       “(g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

6           “(1) DISTRIBUTOR.—The term ‘distributor’ has  
 7       the meaning given that term in section 119(d)(1) of  
 8       title 17, United States Code.

9           “(2) CABLE OPERATOR.—

10           “(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘cable oper-  
 11       ator’ has the meaning given that term in sec-  
 12       tion 602.

13           “(B) INCLUSION.—The term includes any  
 14       person who—

15           “(i) is owned or controlled by, or  
 16       under common ownership or control with,  
 17       a cable operator; and

18           “(ii) provides any wire or radio com-  
 19       munications service.

20           “(3) OTHER SERVICE.—The term ‘other serv-  
 21       ice’ includes any wire, electronic, or radio commu-  
 22       nications service provided using any of the facilities  
 23       of a cable operator, satellite carrier, or distributor  
 24       that are used in the provision of cable service or sat-  
 25       ellite home viewing service.

1           “(4) PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMA-  
 2           TION.—The term ‘personally identifiable informa-  
 3           tion’ does not include any record of aggregate data  
 4           that does not identify particular persons.

5           “(5) SATELLITE CARRIER.—The term ‘satellite  
 6           carrier’ has the meaning given that term in section  
 7           119(d)(6) of title 17, United States Code.”.

8           (b) NOTICE WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN AGREE-  
 9           MENTS.—

10           (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-  
 11           graph (2), a cable operator, satellite carrier, or dis-  
 12           tributor who has entered into agreements referred to  
 13           in section 631(a) of the Communications Act of  
 14           1934, as amended by subsection (a), before the date  
 15           of enactment of this Act, shall provide any notice re-  
 16           quired under that section, as so amended, to sub-  
 17           scribers under such agreements not later than 180  
 18           days after that date.

19           (2) EXCEPTION.—Paragraph (1) shall not  
 20           apply with respect to any agreement under which a  
 21           cable operator, satellite carrier, or distributor was  
 22           providing notice under section 631(a) of the Com-  
 23           munications Act of 1934, as in effect on the day be-

1       fore the date of enactment of this Act, as of such  
2       date.

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