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To amend title 18, United States Code, to protect individuals performing certain Federal and federally assisted functions, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WEINER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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 Police Protec-
5 tion Act of 2005”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROTECTION OF INDIVIDUALS PERFORMING CER-**
7 **TAIN FEDERAL AND FEDERALLY ASSISTED**
8 **FUNCTIONS.**

9 (a) OFFENSE.—Chapter 7 of title 18, United States
10 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

1 **“§ 117. Protection of individuals performing certain**
2 **Federal and federally assisted functions**

3 “(a) Whoever knowingly makes restricted personal in-
4 formation about a covered official publicly available
5 through the Internet shall be fined under this title and
6 imprisoned not more than 5 years, or both.

7 “(b) It is a defense to a prosecution under this sec-
8 tion that—

9 “(1) the defendant is a provider of Internet
10 services and did not knowingly participate in the of-
11 fense; or

12 “(2) the covered official gave permission to
13 make the restricted personal information publicly
14 available.

15 “(c) As used in this section—

16 “(1) the term ‘restricted personal information’
17 means, with respect to an individual, the Social Se-
18 curity number, the home address, home phone num-
19 ber, mobile phone number, personal email, or home
20 fax number of, and identifiable to, that individual;

21 “(2) the term ‘covered official’ means—

22 “(A) an individual designated in section
23 1114;

24 “(B) a public safety officer for a public
25 agency (including a court system), that receives
26 Federal financial assistance, of an entity that is

1 a State of the United States, the District of Co-
2 lumbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the
3 Virgin Islands of the United States, Guam,
4 American Samoa, the Trust Territory of the
5 Pacific Islands, the Commonwealth of the
6 Northern Mariana Islands, and any territory or
7 possession of the United States, an Indian
8 tribe, or a unit of local government of that enti-
9 ty; or

10 “(C) a grand or petit juror, or other officer
11 in or of any court of the United States, or an
12 officer who may be serving at any examination
13 or other proceeding before any United States
14 magistrate judge or other committing mag-
15 istrate;

16 “(3) the term ‘public safety officer’ means an
17 individual serving a public agency in an official ca-
18 pacity, with or without compensation, as a judicial
19 officer, as a firefighter, as a chaplain, or as a mem-
20 ber of a rescue squad or ambulance crew;

21 “(4) the term ‘judicial officer’ means a judge or
22 other officer or employee of a court, including pros-
23 ecutors and corrections, probation, and parole offi-
24 cers; and

1 “(5) the term ‘firefighter’ includes an individual
2 serving as an official recognized or designated mem-
3 ber of a legally organized volunteer fire department
4 and an officially recognized or designated public em-
5 ployee member of a rescue squad or ambulance
6 crew.”.

7 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
8 at the beginning of chapter 7 of title 18, United States
9 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new
10 item:

 “117. Protection of individuals performing certain Federal and federally as-
 sisted functions.”.

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