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H. R. 1640

To provide liability protection for individuals who report suspicious behavior
to law enforcement agencies.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 22, 2007

Mr. PEARCE (for himself, Mr. SHUSTER, Mr. BISHOP of Utah, Mr. KLINE of Minnesota, Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky, Mr. WOLF, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. WESTMORELAND, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. MCCOTTER, and Mr. McKEON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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suspicious behavior to law enforcement agencies.

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 “Protecting Americans
5 Fighting Terrorism Act of 2007”.

6 **SEC. 2. LIABILITY PROTECTION FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO RE-
7 PORT SUSPICIOUS BEHAVIOR.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—An individual shall not be liable
9 for any injury or damages relating to such individual’s

1 qualified disclosure of suspicious behavior. A civil action
2 for damages related to such disclosure may not be brought
3 in any State or Federal court.

4 (b) QUALIFIED DISCLOSURE OF SUSPICIOUS BEHAV-
5 IOR.—For purposes of this section, the term “qualified
6 disclosure of suspicious behavior” means any disclosure of
7 the allegedly suspicious behavior of another individual or
8 individuals to a Federal, State, or local law enforcement
9 agency or other security personnel that is made in good
10 faith and with the reasonable belief that such behavior is
11 suspicious.

