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H. R. 4326

To amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit interactive computer services from releasing to the public certain private information.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 28, 1996

Mr. TORRICELLI 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 “On-Line Privacy Pro-
5 tection Act of 1996”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON RELEASE OF CERTAIN PRIVATE**
7 **INFORMATION.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title 18, United States Code, is
9 amended by inserting after chapter 87 the following:

1 **“CHAPTER 88—PRIVACY AND**
2 **INTERACTIVE COMPUTER SERVICES**

“Sec.

“1801. Prohibition on release of certain private information.

3 **“§ 1801. Prohibition on release of certain private in-**
4 **formation**

5 “(a) Whoever being an interactive computer service
6 releases to the public any private personally identifiable
7 information of another person without the prior informed
8 written consent of that person shall be fined not more than
9 \$500.

10 “(b) As used in this section—

11 “(1) the term ‘interactive computer service’
12 means any information service that provides com-
13 puter access to multiple users via the Internet;

14 “(2) the term ‘Internet’ means the international
15 computer network of both Federal and non-Federal
16 interoperable packet switched data networks; and

17 “(3) the term ‘personally identifiable informa-
18 tion’ has the meaning given such term in section
19 631 of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C.
20 551).”.

21 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of chapters
22 at the beginning of part I of title 18, United States Code,

- 1 is amended by inserting after the item relating to chapter
- 2 87 the following:

“88. Privacy and Interactive Computer Services 1801”.

