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# H. R. 3144

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 24, 2007

Mrs. MCMORRIS RODGERS introduced the following bill; which was 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Sex Offender Internet  
5 Prohibition Act of 2007”.

6 **SEC. 2. SEX OFFENDER ACCESS TO INTERNET.**

7 Section 2251 of title 18, United States Code, is  
8 amended—

1           (1) in subsection (e), by striking “Any indi-  
2           vidual” and inserting “Except as provided in sub-  
3           section (f), an individual”; and

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

5           “(f)(1) Whoever, being required to register under the  
6 Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act, knowingly  
7 accesses a website on the Internet with the intent to com-  
8 municate with an unsuspecting child, shall be fined under  
9 this title and imprisoned not less than 5 years nor more  
10 than 20 years.

11          “(2) As used in this subsection, the term  
12 ‘unsuspecting child’ means an individual who—

13           “(A) has not attained the age of 18 years; and

14           “(B) does not know that the person making the  
15 access to the website is required to register under  
16 the Sex Offender Registration and Notification  
17 Act.”.

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