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To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require Internet-based, real-time responses to requests to verify taxpayer income for legitimate business purposes, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BOOKER (for himself and Mr. CRAPO) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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 “IRS Data Verification
5 Modernization Act of 2017”.

1 **SEC. 2. DISCLOSURE OF TAXPAYER INFORMATION FOR**
2 **THIRD-PARTY INCOME VERIFICATION.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Treasury or
4 the Secretary’s delegate (referred to in this section as the
5 “Secretary”) shall implement a program to ensure that
6 any qualified disclosure—

7 (1) is fully automated and accomplished
8 through the Internet; and

9 (2) is accomplished in as close to real-time as
10 is practicable.

11 (b) QUALIFIED DISCLOSURE.—For purposes of sub-
12 section (a), the term “qualified disclosure” means a disclo-
13 sure under section 6103(c) of the Internal Revenue Code
14 of 1986 of returns or return information by the Secretary
15 to a person seeking to verify the income of a taxpayer for
16 a legitimate business purpose who has represented to the
17 Secretary that such person will comply with the require-
18 ments of section 6103(p)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code
19 of 1986.

20 (c) USER FEE.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall assess
22 and collect a fee for disclosures described in sub-
23 section (a) at such rates as the Secretary determines
24 are sufficient to recover the costs related to imple-
25 menting the program described in subsection (a) not
26 later than 5 years after such costs are paid or in-

1 curred. Such costs shall include the costs of any nec-
2 essary infrastructure or technology.

3 (2) DEPOSIT OF COLLECTIONS.—Amounts re-
4 ceived from fees authorized by paragraph (1) shall
5 be deposited as an offsetting collection in, and cred-
6 ited to, the account through which funds are made
7 available to carry out the activities described in sub-
8 section (a).

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