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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science,
and Transportation

AN ACT

To prohibit the submission to the Federal Communications Commission of broadband internet access service coverage information or data for the purposes of compiling an inaccurate broadband coverage map.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Mapping Accuracy
3 Promotes Services Act” or the “MAPS Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

5 In this Act:

6 (1) **BROADBAND INTERNET ACCESS SERVICE.**—

7 The term “broadband internet access service” has
8 the meaning given the term in section 8.1(b) of title
9 47, Code of Federal Regulations, or any successor
10 regulation.

11 (2) **COMMISSION.**—The term “Commission”
12 means the Federal Communications Commission.

13 (3) **PROVIDER.**—The term “provider” means a
14 provider of fixed or mobile broadband internet access
15 service.

16 (4) **QUALITY OF SERVICE.**—The term “quality
17 of service” means information regarding offered
18 download and upload speeds and latency of a pro-
19 vider’s broadband internet access service as deter-
20 mined by and to the extent otherwise collected by
21 the Commission.

22 **SEC. 3. ENFORCEMENT.**

23 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—It shall be unlawful for a person
24 to willfully, knowingly, or recklessly submit broadband
25 internet access service coverage information or data to the
26 Commission for the purposes of compiling a broadband

1 coverage map that is inaccurate with respect to the avail-
2 ability or quality of service of broadband internet access
3 service.

4 (b) PENALTY.—Any person who violates subsection
5 (a) shall be subject to an appropriate penalty, as deter-
6 mined by the Commission, under—

7 (1) the Communications Act of 1934 (47
8 U.S.C. 151 et seq.), including section 501 of that
9 Act (47 U.S.C. 501); and

10 (2) the rules of the Commission.

11 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
13 graph (2), subsection (a) shall apply with respect to
14 broadband internet access service coverage informa-
15 tion or data that is submitted to the Commission on
16 or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

17 (2) QUALITY OF SERVICE INFORMATION OR
18 DATA.—To the extent broadband internet access
19 service coverage information or data relates to qual-
20 ity of service, subsection (a) shall apply with respect
21 to information or data that is submitted on or after

1 the date that is 180 days after the date of the enact-
2 ment of this Act.

Passed the House of Representatives December 16,
2019.

Attest: **CHERYL L. JOHNSON,**
Clerk.