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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Internet Access Charge  
3 Prohibition Act of 2000”.

4 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION OF CHARGES ON PROVIDERS OF**  
5 **INTERNET ACCESS SERVICE.**

6 Section 254 of the Communications Act of 1934 (47  
7 U.S.C. 254) is amended by adding at the end the following  
8 new subsection:

9 “(1) PROHIBITION OF CHARGES ON INTERNET SERV-  
10 ICE PROVIDERS.—

11 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding subsection  
12 (b)(4) or (d) or any other provision of this title, the  
13 Commission shall not impose on any provider of  
14 Internet access service (as such term is defined in  
15 section 231(e)) any contribution for the support of  
16 universal service that is based on a measure of the  
17 time that telecommunications services are used in  
18 the provision of such Internet access service.

19 “(2) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in  
20 this subsection shall preclude the Commission from  
21 imposing access charges on the providers of Internet  
22 telephone services, irrespective of the type of cus-

1        tomer premises equipment used in connection with  
2        such services.”.

Passed the House of Representatives May 16, 2000.

Attest:

*Clerk.*