H.R. 4227

[Report No. 116–]

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.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 6, 2019

Mr. McEachin (for himself, Mr. Long, Mr. Loebsack, and Mr. Latta) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

DECEMBER --, 2019

Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed
A BILL

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

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

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

SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act:

(1) BROADBAND INTERNET ACCESS SERVICE.—
The term “broadband internet access service” has
the meaning given the term in section 8.1(b) of title
47, Code of Federal Regulations, or any successor
regulation.

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

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

(4) QUALITY OF SERVICE.—The term “quality
of service” means information regarding offered
download and upload speeds and latency of a pro-
vider’s broadband internet access service as deter-
dined by and to the extent otherwise collected by
the Commission.
SEC. 3. ENFORCEMENT.

(a) In General.—It shall be unlawful for a person to willfully, knowingly, or recklessly submit broadband internet access service coverage information or data to the Commission for the purposes of compiling a broadband coverage map that is inaccurate with respect to the availability or quality of service of broadband internet access service.

(b) Penalty.—Any person who violates subsection (a) shall be subject to an appropriate penalty, as determined by the Commission, under—

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

(2) the rules of the Commission.

(c) Effective Date.—

(1) In General.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), subsection (a) shall apply with respect to broadband internet access service coverage information or data that is submitted to the Commission on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(2) Quality of Service Information or Data.—To the extent broadband internet access service coverage information or data relates to quality of service, subsection (a) shall apply with respect to information or data that is submitted on or after
the date that is 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.