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Subject: OT: If you live in TX, MA, SC, FL, GA, AK, TN or CO  
Posted by [Bearxor](#) on Fri, 28 Mar 2003 22:36:31 GMT

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If you live in any of these states, using the Internet could well soon be illegal.

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"To conceal or assist another to conceal from any communication service provider or from any lawful authority, the existence or place of origin or of destination of any communication" (SC Bill)

If no one knows what this means, just think about what a router does. It basically HIDES the address of information being sent from a computer.

Like how your home DSL/Cable routers work. It hides your internal IP address.

This is a big deal, so if you know of any sites where this information could be spread, please get it out there. We need to write our state senates and give them a little lesson in how the internet works.

<http://www.freedom-to-tinker.com/archives/000336.html>

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Posted by [Sir Phoenixx](#) on Fri, 28 Mar 2003 22:43:41 GMT

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Posted by [DBB](#) on Fri, 28 Mar 2003 22:48:46 GMT

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Ha, the internet, illegal, ha.

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Posted by [Bearxor](#) on Fri, 28 Mar 2003 22:59:26 GMT

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Dude, sorry, but seeing as how the internet is pretty much made up of routers, it would basically make internet access in any of these states illegal, unless you have a direct line to a neighboring state.

I know it sounds pretty far out there, and some states have the wording that says you can have permission from the provider and it wouldn't be illegal, but this law encompasses more than just router. How about proxy servers? encrypted email? firewalls?

at the very least if this law passes, you will be unable to run windows 98 or up in these states, because it supports internet connection sharing. and you will not be able to have home routers like we have now. Of course, you could ask your ISP for permission to use your router, but what ISP is likely to tell you 'yes'? Certainly not Bellsouth, who charges \$40 a month for static IP address EACH.

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Subject: OT: If you live in TX, MA, SC, FL, GA, AK, TN or CO

Posted by [Javaxcx](#) on Fri, 28 Mar 2003 23:03:02 GMT

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Am I the only one who notices the irony in using the internet to try and make it illegal?

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Posted by [Sir Phoenixx](#) on Fri, 28 Mar 2003 23:03:35 GMT

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Think about it...

What you're saying is complete nonsense.

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Subject: OT: If you live in TX, MA, SC, FL, GA, AK, TN or CO

Posted by [Predator](#) on Fri, 28 Mar 2003 23:54:02 GMT

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LOL!!!LMAO!!! INTERNET!!!!ILLEGAL!!!???!LMAO!!!ROFL!!!!!! that's the best joke ever, EVEN BETTER THAN SOME IRAQ/Poland/Canadian ARMY JOKES!!!! LOL!!!! The internet routers are there for PERSONAL security dumbass!! not hiding shit from states and government just ppeps who are a lil to lonely and like hacking and and tryin to do shit to ur comp or info about you! they arn't ANTI-Government, they are anti-Us (us meaning we not United States)LOL THATS FUCKIN HILARIOUS!!!!...ILLEAGALIZING THE NET!!! :rolleyes: :yell: :biggrin: :lookround: :rolleyes: :mrgreen: NEVER GONNA HAPPEN BUDDY!!!!

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Subject: OT: If you live in TX, MA, SC, FL, GA, AK, TN or CO  
Posted by [smwScott](#) on Sat, 29 Mar 2003 01:39:58 GMT  
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Here's a thought, you could just completely ignore that law if its passed and it can be added to the list of laws that aren't enforced and no one cares about.

I'm also not supposed to drive and talk on a cell phone, or for that matter download music. But I do it anyway, the same thing applies here. Honestly, you think a SWAT team is gonna rapell down out of choppers through your skylight, and force you to unplug a router? Realistically though, no one is going to make you stop.

Not to even mention the chances of this law getting passed are nill.

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Subject: OT: If you live in TX, MA, SC, FL, GA, AK, TN or CO  
Posted by [Sir Phoenixx](#) on Sat, 29 Mar 2003 02:37:21 GMT  
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smwScottHonestly, you think a SWAT team is gonna rapell down out of choppers through your skylight, and force you to unplug a router?

Well, first I don't have a skylight, so they'd have a very hard time in doing that. Second, I don't have a router, so they can't unplug it.

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Subject: OT: If you live in TX, MA, SC, FL, GA, AK, TN or CO  
Posted by [Predator](#) on Sat, 29 Mar 2003 04:16:12 GMT  
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y or another it is pretty dumb that first of all someone thought up such a law and that second of all ppl may ACTUALLY ABIDE BY IT!!

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Posted by [Bearxor](#) on Sat, 29 Mar 2003 06:19:47 GMT  
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you guys just aren't getting it.

will people abide by this law? probably not, but companies WILL HAVE TO.

i mean, the subject is much more broad than just a router. Routers are not there for 'security reasons', routers exist to bridge two separate networks.

But what about encrypted email. This law would make it illegal for you to encrypt email messages without your providers express permission.

Or passwords. Or creditcard info. Or whatever. It's not like the ISP would do anything with it, but there are always shady people working at large ISP's... and it would be really easy for anyone to pick up anything thats not encrypted.

What about Windows? If this law goes thru, the wording of "communication device" includes: "software which is capable of intercepting, transmitting, re-transmitting, acquiring, decrypting or receiving any communication service or the facilitation thereof"

And seeing as how it would be 'unlawful' to "Possess, use, manufacture, make, develop, assemble, sell, distribute, lease, license, transfer, import into this state or offer, promote or advertise for sale, use or distribution any communication device", that would make Windows ILLEGAL in 8 states. Hell, it would make practically any modern operating system illegal. It would make web browsers illegal.

Ok look, if you don't live in these states, and you don't really give a shit, then don't post your sarcastic comments. I felt this was an important piece of legislation, that has the full backing of the MPAA and RIAA, and if you lived in these states it was important for you to know, so you can write to your state senate, and tell them how foolish they would look if they pass this piece of shit law.

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Subject: OT: If you live in TX, MA, SC, FL, GA, AK, TN or CO

Posted by [Predator](#) on Sat, 29 Mar 2003 15:49:52 GMT

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PredatorT WILL NOT BE PASSED, say it with me, THE LAW WILL NOT BE PASSED, THE LAW WILL NOT BE PASSED, THE LAW... :rolleyes:

Say it with me, Bearxor is a dumbass.

Lol, Bearxor were you dropped on your head constantly as a child or what?

I live in Florida, but I don't give a shit, why? Because it's bullshit, If this was for real, it wouldn't get past anyone, it would be dropped faster than you were as a child.

Just listen to yourself. "The internet and all operating systems/browsers/etc. will become illegal by this law", common sense dumbass, pretend like you have some.

And you still haven't provided us with a link to a site that has this so called "law" on it.

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Subject: OT: If you live in TX, MA, SC, FL, GA, AK, TN or CO

Posted by [Bearxor](#) on Sat, 29 Mar 2003 17:06:44 GMT

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God you guys... If all you can do is insult someone, and not read, you're all in real trouble.

THE LINK IS IN MY ORIGINAL POST.

here it is again: <http://www.freedom-to-tinker.com/archives/000336.html>

and down at the bottom, is a link that says 'Follow-ups' which contains at this point 24 other articles about the subject.

as for this:

Quote:T WILL NOT BE PASSED, say it with me, THE LAW WILL NOT BE PASSED, THE LAW WILL NOT BE PASSED, THE LAW...

if you live in michigan, congragulations: <http://www.freedom-to-tinker.com/archives/000339.html>

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Posted by [Sir Phoenixx](#) on Sat, 29 Mar 2003 17:22:04 GMT

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Like I said, it's just being proposed, and it won't get anywhere.

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Subject: OT: If you live in TX, MA, SC, FL, GA, AK, TN or CO

Posted by [Predator](#) on Sat, 29 Mar 2003 18:30:48 GMT

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Quote:"use of firewall go to jail"

1st of all firewall keeps out peeps who are tryin to check our personal shit which we ARE allowed to conceal unless they got some kind of court hearing and warrant.

Quote:"if you live in michigan, congragulations"

2nd of all i live in New Brunswick Canada. so

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Subject: OT: If you live in TX, MA, SC, FL, GA, AK, TN or CO

Posted by [DBB](#) on Sat, 29 Mar 2003 20:07:56 GMT

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This is such a funny topic. I want to see a Swat team take out a whole family just because they wont unplug their router.....ha :rolleyes:

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Subject: OT: If you live in TX, MA, SC, FL, GA, AK, TN or CO

Posted by [DaveGMM](#) on Sat, 29 Mar 2003 20:39:40 GMT

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Nope

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