

106TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 4769

To amend the Communications Act of 1934 to prohibit the imposition of time-based access charges on Internet telephony.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 27, 2000

Mr. MARKEY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce

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## 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 “Internet Telephony  
5 Access Charge Prohibition Act of 2000”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION OF CHARGES ON PROVIDERS OF**  
7 **INTERNET TELEPHONE SERVICE.**

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

1           “(1) PROHIBITION OF CHARGES ON INTERNET TELE-  
2 PHONE SERVICE PROVIDERS.—Notwithstanding sub-  
3 section (b)(4) or (d) or any other provision of this title,  
4 the Commission may not impose on any provider of tele-  
5 phone service that uses the Internet (as such term is de-  
6 fined in section 231(e)) to transmit telephone  
7 communications—

8           “(1) any contribution for the support of uni-  
9 versal service with respect to such transmissions, or

10           “(2) any access charge under part 69 of the  
11 Commission’s regulations (47 C.F.R. part 69) or  
12 any successor regulation with respect to such trans-  
13 missions,

14 that is based on a measure of the time that telecommuni-  
15 cations services are used in the provision of such telephone  
16 service.”.

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