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AN ACT

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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. SPECIFIC CITATIONS IN EXEMPTIONS.**

2 Section 552(b) of title 5, United States Code, is
3 amended by striking paragraph (3) and inserting the fol-
4 lowing:

5 “(3) specifically exempted from disclosure by
6 statute (other than section 552b of this title), pro-
7 vided that such statute—

8 “(A) if enacted after July 1, 2005, specifi-
9 cally cites to this section; and

10 “(B)(i) requires that the matters be with-
11 held from the public in such a manner as to
12 leave no discretion on the issue; or

13 “(ii) establishes particular criteria for
14 withholding or refers to particular types of mat-
15 ters to be withheld;”.

Passed the Senate June 24, 2005.

Attest:

Secretary.

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