

115TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 1273

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 1, 2017

Mr. NEWHOUSE (for himself, Mr. GOSAR, Mr. PEARCE, Mr. HARPER, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. CHAFFETZ, and Mr. TIPTON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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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 “21st Century Endan-  
5 gered Species Transparency Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REQUIREMENT TO PUBLISH ON THE INTERNET THE**  
2 **BASIS FOR LISTINGS.**

3 Section 4(b) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973  
4 (16 U.S.C. 1533(b)) is amended by adding at the end the  
5 following:

6 “(9) The Secretary shall make publicly available  
7 on the Internet the best scientific and commercial  
8 data available that are the basis for each regulation,  
9 including each proposed regulation, promulgated  
10 under subsection (a)(1), except that, at the request  
11 of a Governor or legislature of a State, the Secretary  
12 shall not make available under this paragraph infor-  
13 mation regarding which the State has determined  
14 public disclosure is prohibited by a law of that State  
15 relating to the protection of personal information.”.

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