

118TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

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To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase penalties for unauthorized disclosure of taxpayer information.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. KENNEDY introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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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 “Taxpayer Data Protec-  
5 tion Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. INCREASE IN PENALTIES FOR UNAUTHORIZED DIS-**  
7 **CLOSURES OF TAXPAYER INFORMATION.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Paragraphs (1), (2), (3), (4), and  
9 (5) of section 7213(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of  
10 1986 are each amended by striking “\$5,000, or imprison-

1 ment of not more than 5 years” and inserting “\$250,000,  
2 or imprisonment of not more than 10 years”.

3 (b) DISCLOSURES OF RETURN INFORMATION OF  
4 MULTIPLE TAXPAYERS TREATED AS MULTIPLE VIOLA-  
5 TIONS.—Section 7213(a) of such Code is amended by add-  
6 ing at the end the following new paragraph:

7 “(6) DISCLOSURES OF RETURN INFORMATION  
8 OF MULTIPLE TAXPAYERS TREATED AS MULTIPLE  
9 VIOLATIONS.—For purposes of paragraphs (1), (2),  
10 (3), (4), and (5), a separate violation occurs with re-  
11 spect to each taxpayer whose return or return infor-  
12 mation is disclosed in violation of any such para-  
13 graph.”.

14 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
15 this section shall apply to disclosures made after the date  
16 of the enactment of this Act.