

114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. DAINES introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

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 “Small Business
5 Broadband Deployment Act of 2015”.

6 **SEC. 2. EXCEPTION TO ENHANCEMENT TO TRANSPARENCY**
7 **REQUIREMENTS FOR SMALL BUSINESSES.**

8 (a) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this Act—

1 (1) the term “broadband Internet access serv-
2 ice”—

3 (A) means a mass-market retail service by
4 wire or radio that provides the capability to
5 transmit data to and receive data from all or
6 substantially all Internet endpoints, including
7 any capability that is incidental to and enables
8 the operation of the communications service;
9 and

10 (B) does not include dial-up Internet ac-
11 cess service; and

12 (2) the term “small business” means any pro-
13 vider of broadband Internet access service that has
14 not more than—

15 (A) 1,500 employees; or

16 (B) 500,000 subscribers.

17 (b) **EXCEPTION FOR SMALL BUSINESSES.**—The en-
18 hancements to the transparency rule of the Federal Com-
19 munications Commission under section 8.3 of title 47,
20 Code of Federal Regulations, as described in paragraphs
21 162 through 184 of the Report and Order on Remand,
22 Declaratory Ruling, and Order of the Federal Commu-
23 nications Commission with regard to protecting and pro-
24 moting the open Internet (adopted February 26, 2015)
25 (FCC 15–24), shall not apply to any small business.