



General Assembly

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**Proposed Bill No. 6**

LCO No. 161



Referred to Committee on ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

Introduced by:  
SEN. DUFF, 25th Dist.

**AN ACT CONCERNING NET NEUTRALITY PRINCIPLES AND  
INTERNET PRIVACY.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 That the general statutes be amended to:
  - 2 (1) Require Internet service providers operating in the state to  
3 register with the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority and pay an  
4 annual registration fee, require the Public Utilities Regulatory  
5 Authority to apply net neutrality principles to Internet service  
6 providers in Connecticut and require a civil penalty be imposed by the  
7 Public Utilities Regulatory Authority for failure of an Internet service  
8 provider to comply with such principles where each day in violation is  
9 a separate offense; and
  - 10 (2) Prohibit telecommunications companies, certified  
11 telecommunications providers, certified competitive video service  
12 providers and Internet service providers that have entered into  
13 franchise agreements, agreements involving the use of the public right-  
14 of-way or any other contract with the state or any political subdivision  
15 of the state from collecting personal information from a customer

16 resulting from the use of such company or provider without express  
17 written consent from such customer and refusing to provide services  
18 based on lack of such express written consent.

***Statement of Purpose:***

To require Internet service providers to register and pay registration fees and require the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority to apply net neutrality principles to Internet service providers and enforce such principles with civil penalties and to prohibit certain telecommunications companies, certified telecommunications providers, certified competitive video service providers and Internet service providers from collecting personal information from a customer resulting from the use of such company or provider without express written consent from such customer and refusing to provide services based on lack of such express written consent.