
Subject: Re: OT: If you live in TX, MA, SC, FL, GA, AK, TN or CO
Posted by [Bearxor](#) on Fri, 28 Mar 2003 22:59:26 GMT

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Sir PhoenixxBearxorIf you live in any of these states, using the Internet could well soon be illegal.

There are laws being proposed in each and every one of these states that would prohibit:
"To conceal or assist another to conceal from any communication service provider or from any lawful authority, the existence or place of origin or of destination of any communication" (SC Bill)

No... Using the internet won't be illegal. Either you're misquoting a site, quoting a misinformed site, or not quoting the entire thing. What site did you get that from?

Dude, sorry, but seeing as how the internet is pretty much made up of routers, it would basically make internet access in any of these states illegal, unless you have a direct line to a neighboring state.

I know it sounds pretty far out there, and some states have the wording that says you can have permission from the provider and it wouldn't be illegal, but this law encompasses more than just router. How about proxy servers? encrypted email? firewalls?

at the very least if this law passes, you will be unable to run windows 98 or up in these states, because it supports internet connection sharing. and you will not be able to have home routers like we have now. Of course, you could ask your ISP for permission to use your router, but what ISP is likely to tell you 'yes'? Certainly not Bellsouth, who charges \$40 a month for static IP address EACH.
