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Subject: OT: If you live in TX, MA, SC, FL, GA, AK, TN or CO

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you guys just aren't getting it.

will people abide by this law? probably not, but companies WILL HAVE TO.

i mean, the subject is much more broad than just a router. Routers are not there for 'security reasons', routers exist to bridge two seperate networks.

But what about encrypted email. This law would make it illegal for you to encrypt email messages without your providers express permission.

Or passwords. Or creditcard info. Or whatever. It's not like the ISP would do anything with it, but there are always shady people working at large ISP's... and it would be really easy for anyone to pick up anything thats not encrypted.

What about Windows? If this law goes thru, the wording of "communication device" includes: "software which is capable of intercepting, transmitting, re-transmitting, acquiring, decrypting or receiving any communication service or the facilitation thereof"

And seeing as how it would be 'unlawful' to "Possess, use, manufacture, make, develop, assemble, sell, distribute, lease, license, transfer, import into this state or offer, promote or advertise for sale, use or distribution any communication device", that would make Windows ILLEGAL in 8 states. Hell, it would make practically any modern operating system illegal. It would make web browsers illegal.

Ok look, if you don't live in these states, and you don't really give a shit, then don't post your sarcastic comments. I felt this was an important piece of legislation, that has the full backing of the MPAA and RIAA, and if you lived in these states it was important for you to know, so you can write to your state senate, and tell them how foolish they would look if they pass this piece of shit law.

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