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House passes bill increasing penalties for illegal tax disclosures

The U.S. House of Representatives yesterday passed H.R. 8292, the “Taxpayer Data Protection Act,” by a voice vote.

The legislation would:

- Increase the maximum fine and imprisonment period for an unauthorized disclosure of taxpayer information within the meaning of section 6103 from “\$5,000, or imprisonment of not more than 5 years” to “\$250,000, or imprisonment of not more than 10 years”
- Clarify that any violation that affects more than one taxpayer shall be treated as a separate, distinct violation

Read text of the bill—[H.R. 8292](#)

Read the [press release](#) of House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Jason Smith (R-MO)

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