

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2152, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MRS. TORRES OF CALIFORNIA**

Add at the end of the bill the following:

1 SEC. 3. PROHIBITION ON FEES FOR ANKLE MONITORS AS-
2 SOCIATED WITH BAIL BONDS.

3 (a) FTC RULEMAKING.—Not later than 180 days
4 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Federal Trade
5 Commission shall promulgate regulations under section
6 553 of title 5, United States Code, to prohibit a bail bond
7 agent or person who underwrites or insures the provision
8 of bail bond who require an individual for whom a bond
9 is provided to wear an ankle monitor or other homing de-
10 vice as a condition on issuing such a bond from charging
11 any fee associated with such monitor or device that ex-
12 ceeds the cost to the bail bond agent or person who under-
13 writes or insures the provision of a bail bond of maintain-
14 ing and operating such monitor or device.

15 (b) ENFORCEMENT.—

16 (1) TREATMENT OF VIOLATION AS UNFAIR OR
17 DECEPTIVE ACT OR PRACTICE.—A violation of a reg-
18 ulation issued under subsection (a) shall be treated
19 as a violation of a rule defining an unfair or decep-
20 tive act or practice prescribed under section

1 18(a)(1)(B) of the Federal Trade Commission Act
2 (15 U.S.C. 57a(a)(1)(B)).

3 (2) FTC AUTHORITY.—The Federal Trade
4 Commission shall enforce this Act in the same man-
5 ner, by the same means, and with the same jurisdic-
6 tion, powers, and duties as though all applicable
7 terms and provisions of the Federal Trade Commis-
8 sion Act (15 U.S.C. 41 et seq.) were incorporated
9 into and made a part of this Act.

10 (3) DEFINITION.—The term “bail bond agent”
11 means any person that will act as a surety and
12 pledge money or property as bail for the appearance
13 of individuals accused in court.

