

## 115TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION H.R. 4203

To amend title 18, United States Code, with regard to stalking.

## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 1, 2017

Mr. FITZPATRICK (for himself and Mrs. Murphy of Florida) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

## A BILL

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- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
- 4 This Act may be cited as the "Combat Online Preda-
- 5 tors Act".
- 6 SEC. 2. ENHANCED PENALTY FOR STALKERS OF CHILDREN.
- 7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 110A of title 18, United
- 8 States Code, is amended by inserting after section 2261A
- 9 the following:

## 1 "§ 2261B. Enhanced penalty for stalkers of children

- 2 "If the victim of an offense under section 2261A is
- 3 under the age of 18 years, the maximum imprisonment
- 4 for the offense is 5 years greater than the maximum term
- 5 of imprisonment otherwise provided for that offense in sec-
- 6 tion 2261.".
- 7 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
- 8 at the beginning of chapter 110A of title 18, United States
- 9 Code, is amended by inserting after the item relating to
- 10 section 2261A the following new item:

"2261B. Enhanced penalty for stalkers of children.".

- 11 (c) Conforming Amendment.—Section 2261(a) of
- 12 title 18, United States Code, is amended by inserting "or
- 13 section 2262B, as the case may be" after "provided in
- 14 subsection (b)".
- 15 SEC. 3. BEST PRACTICES REGARDING ENFORCEMENT OF
- 16 ANTI-STALKING LAWS TO BE INCLUDED IN
- 17 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ATTORNEY GEN-
- 18 ERAL.
- 19 In the annual report under section 529 of title 28,
- 20 United States Code, the Attorney General shall—
- 21 (1) include an evaluation of Federal, tribal,
- 22 State, and local efforts to enforce laws relating to
- 23 stalking; and

1 (2) identify and describe those elements of such 2 efforts that constitute the best practices for the en-3 forcement of such laws.

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