

104TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1794

To amend the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 to double the minimum and maximum penalties for crimes against elderly and child victims.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 8, 1995

Mr. CHRYSLER (for himself, Mr. MANTON, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. SOLOMON, and Mr. CALVERT) 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 “Crimes Against Youth
5 and Elderly Double Penalty Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. CRIMES AGAINST THE ELDERLY AND CHILDREN.**

7 Section 240002 of the Violent Crime Control and
8 Law Enforcement Act of 1994 is amended to read as
9 follows:

1 **“SEC. 240002. CRIMES AGAINST THE ELDERLY AND CHIL-**
2 **DREN.**

3 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The United States Sentencing
4 Commission shall amend the Federal sentencing guidelines
5 to ensure that the term of imprisonment for an offense
6 where a victim of the offense is elderly or a child is double
7 the minimum and maximum term that otherwise would
8 be imposed for the offense if the victim were not elderly
9 or a child.

10 “(b) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section—

11 “(1) the term ‘elderly’ means having attained
12 the age of 65 years; and

13 “(2) the term ‘child’ means a person who has
14 not attained the age of 12 years.

15 “(c) INCREASE IN MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM IMPRIS-
16 ONMENT FOR OFFENSES.—Notwithstanding any other
17 provision of law, if the minimum or maximum term of im-
18 prisonment imposable by law for an offense is less than
19 the terms required under subsection (a), the minimum and
20 maximum term of imprisonment is increased for that pur-
21 pose to the term so required.”.

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