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H. R. 2974

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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 27, 1996

Mr. CHRYSLER 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 Chil-
5 dren and Elderly Persons Increased Punishment Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. ENHANCED PENALTIES FOR VULNERABLE VICTIMS.**

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

1 **“SEC. 240002. ENHANCED PENALTIES FOR VULNERABLE**
2 **VICTIMS.**

3 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The United States Sentencing
4 Commission shall amend the Federal sentencing guidelines
5 to provide a sentencing enhancement of not less than 5
6 levels above the offense level otherwise provided for a
7 crime of violence, if the crime of violence is against a child
8 or elderly person.

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

10 “(1) the term ‘crime of violence’ means an of-
11 fense under section 113, 114, 1111, 1112, 1113,
12 1117, 2111, 2241, 2242, or 2244 of title 18, United
13 States Code;

14 “(2) the term ‘child’ means a person who is 11
15 years of age, or younger; and

16 “(3) the term ‘elderly person’ means a person
17 who is 65 years of age or older.”.

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