

107<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 3158

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 17, 2001

Ms. WATERS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## 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 “Torture Prevention  
5       and Accountability Act of 2001”.

6       **SEC. 2. TORTURE IN THE UNITED STATES.**

7       Section 2340A of title 18, United States Code, is  
8       amended—

1           (1) in subsection (a), by inserting “or within”  
2 after “outside”;

3           (2) in subsection (b)—

4                 (A) by striking “or” at the end of para-  
5 graph (1);

6                 (B) by striking the period at the end of  
7 paragraph (2) and inserting “; or” and

8                 (C) by adding at the end the following:

9                     “(3) the offense takes place in the United  
10 States.”; and

11                 (3) in subsection (a), by striking “punished by  
12 death or”.

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