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H. R. 4477

To amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to crimes involving the transportation of persons and sex tourism.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 17, 2002

Mr. SENSENBRENNER (for himself, Mr. HYDE, and Mr. SMITH of Texas) 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 “Sex Tourism Prohibi-
5 tion Improvement Act of 2002”.

6 **SEC. 2. SECTION 2423 AMENDMENTS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2423 of title 18, United
8 States Code, is amended by striking subsection (b) and
9 inserting the following:

1 “(b) TRAVEL WITH INTENT TO ENGAGE IN ILLICIT
2 SEXUAL CONDUCT.—A person who travels in interstate
3 commerce or travels into the United States, or a United
4 States citizen or an alien admitted for permanent resi-
5 dence in the United States who travels in foreign com-
6 merce, for the purpose of engaging in any illicit sexual
7 conduct with another person shall be fined under this title
8 or imprisoned not more than 15 years, or both.

9 “(c) ENGAGING IN ILLICIT SEXUAL CONDUCT IN
10 FOREIGN PLACES.—Any United States citizen or alien ad-
11 mitted for permanent residence who travels in foreign
12 commerce, and engages in any illicit sexual conduct with
13 another person shall be fined under this title or imprisoned
14 not more than 15 years, or both.

15 “(d) ANCILLARY OFFENSES.—Whoever arranges, in-
16 duces, procures, or facilitates the travel of a person know-
17 ing that such a person is traveling in interstate commerce
18 or foreign commerce for the purpose of engaging in illicit
19 sexual conduct shall be fined under this title, imprisoned
20 not more than 15 years, or both.

21 “(e) ATTEMPT AND CONSPIRACY.—Whoever at-
22 tempts or conspires to violate subsection (a), (b), (c), or
23 (d) shall be punishable in the same manner as a completed
24 violation of that subsection.

1 “(f) DEFINITION.—As used in this section, the term
2 ‘illicit sexual conduct’ means a sexual act (as defined in
3 section 2246) with a person that would be in violation of
4 chapter 109A if the sexual act occurred in the special mar-
5 itime and territorial jurisdiction of the United States or
6 any commercial sex act (as defined in section 1591), with
7 a person who has not attained the age of 18 years.”.

8 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 2423(a) of
9 title 18, United States Code, is amended by striking “or
10 attempts to do so”.

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