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H. R. 2711

To amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit certain computer-assisted remote hunting, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 14, 2007

Mr. SHERMAN (for himself, Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. COHEN, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. KIRK, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. MILLER of North Carolina, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Mr. MOORE of Kansas, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, and Mr. BERMAN) 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 “Computer-Assisted Re-
5 mote Hunting Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. COMPUTER-ASSISTED REMOTE HUNTING FACILI-**2 **TIES.**

3 (a) OFFENSE.—Chapter 3 of title 18, United States

4 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

5 **“§ 49. Computer-assisted remote hunting**

6 “(a) PROHIBITION.—Whoever, using any instrumen-

7 tality of interstate or foreign commerce, knowingly makes

8 available a computer-assisted remote hunt shall be fined

9 under this title or imprisoned not more than 5 years, or

10 both.

11 “(b) EXCEPTION.—Providing an instrumentality of

12 commerce, such as equipment or access to the Internet,

13 is not a violation of this section unless the provider intends

14 the use of the equipment or access for a computer-assisted

15 remote hunt.

16 “(c) CONSTRUCTION WITH OTHER LAW.—Nothing

17 in this section limits the power of State and local authori-

18 ties to enact laws or regulations concerning computer-as-

19 sisted remote hunting facilities.

20 “(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

21 “(1) the term ‘computer-assisted remote hunt’

22 means any use of a computer or any other device,

23 equipment, or software, to allow a person remotely

24 to control the aiming and discharge of a weapon so

25 as to kill or injure an animal while not in the phys-

26 ical presence of the targeted animal; and

1 “(2) the term ‘instrumentality of interstate
2 commerce’ means any written, wire, radio, television,
3 or other form of communication in, or using a facil-
4 ity of, interstate commerce.”.

5 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
6 at the beginning of chapter 3 of title 18, United States
7 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new
8 item:

“49. Computer-assisted remote hunting.”.

