

110TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 6777

To amend title 18, United States Code, to provide penalties for displaying nooses in public with intent to harass or intimidate a person because of that person's race, color, religion, or national origin.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 1, 2008

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas (for herself, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. CLYBURN, Mr. ELLISON, and Mr. CARSON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To amend title 18, United States Code, to provide penalties for displaying nooses in public with intent to harass or intimidate a person because of that person's race, color, religion, or national origin.

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 "Noose Hate Crime Act
5 of 2008".

1 **SEC. 2. DISPLAYING NOOSES IN PUBLIC WITH INTENT TO**
2 **HARASS OR INTIMIDATE.**

3 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Chapter 13 of title 18, United
4 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
5 lowing:

6 **“§ 249. Displaying nooses in public with intent to in-**
7 **timidate**

8 “Whoever, with intent to harass or intimidate any
9 person because of that person’s race, color, religion, or na-
10 tional origin, displays a noose in public shall be fined
11 under this title or imprisoned not more than 2 years, or
12 both.”.

13 (b) **CLERICAL AMENDMENT.**—The table of sections
14 at the beginning of chapter 13 of title 18, United States
15 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new
16 item:

“249. Displaying nooses in public with intent to intimidate.”.

○