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H. R. 1842

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RATCLIFFE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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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 “Strengthening Chil-
5 dren’s Safety Act of 2017”.

1 **SEC. 2. FAILURE OF SEX OFFENDERS TO REGISTER.**

2 Section 2250(d) of title 18, United State Code, is
3 amended—

4 (1) by inserting after “Federal law (including
5 the Uniform Code of Military Justice),” the fol-
6 lowing: “State law,”; and

7 (2) by adding at the end the following:

8 “(3) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term
9 ‘crime of violence’ has the meaning given such term
10 in section 16.”.

11 **SEC. 3. PRIOR MILITARY OFFENSES INCLUDED FOR PUR-**
12 **POSES OF RECIDIVIST SENTENCING PROVI-**
13 **SIONS.**

14 (a) AGGRAVATED SEXUAL ABUSE.—Section 2241(c)
15 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by inserting
16 after “State offense” the following: “or an offense under
17 the Uniform Code of Military Justice”.

18 (b) SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN.—Section
19 2251(e) of title 18, United States Code, is amended by
20 striking “section 920 of title 10 (article 120 of the Uni-
21 form Code of Military Justice), or under” each place it
22 appears and inserting “the Uniform Code of Military Jus-
23 tice or”.

24 (c) CERTAIN ACTIVITIES RELATING TO MATERIAL
25 INVOLVING THE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF MINORS.—

1 Section 2252 of title 18, United States Code, is amend-
2 ed—

3 (1) in subsection (b)(1), by striking “section
4 920 of title 10 (article 120 of the Uniform Code of
5 Military Justice), or under” and inserting “the Uni-
6 form Code of Military Justice or”; and

7 (2) in subsection (b)(2), by striking “section
8 920 of title 10 (article 120 of the Uniform Code of
9 Military Justice), or under” and inserting “the Uni-
10 form Code of Military Justice or”.

11 (d) CERTAIN ACTIVITIES RELATING TO MATERIAL
12 CONSTITUTING OR CONTAINING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY.—
13 Section 2252A of title 18, United States Code, is amend-
14 ed—

15 (1) in subsection (b)(1), by striking “section
16 920 of title 10 (article 120 of the Uniform Code of
17 Military Justice), or under” and inserting “the Uni-
18 form Code of Military Justice or”; and

19 (2) in subsection (b)(2), by striking “section
20 920 of title 10 (article 120 of the Uniform Code of
21 Military Justice), or under” and inserting “the Uni-
22 form Code of Military Justice or”.

23 (e) REPEAT OFFENDERS.—Section 2426(b)(1)(B) of
24 title 18, United States Code, is amended by inserting after

1 “State law” the following: “or the Uniform Code of Mili-
2 tary Justice”.

3 (f) SENTENCING CLASSIFICATION.—Section 3559 of
4 title 18, United States Code, is amended—

5 (1) in subsection (e)(2)(B)—

6 (A) by striking “State sex offense” and in-
7 serting “State or Military sex offense”; and

8 (B) by inserting after “under State law”
9 the following: “or the Uniform Code of Military
10 Justice”; and

11 (2) in subsection (e)(2)(C), by inserting after
12 “State” the following: “or Military”.

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