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H. R. 4203

To amend title 18, United States Code, with regard to stalking.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 1, 2017

Mr. FITZPATRICK (for himself and Mrs. MURPHY of Florida) 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 “Combat Online Preda-
5 tors Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. ENHANCED PENALTY FOR STALKERS OF CHILDREN.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 110A of title 18, United
8 States Code, is amended by inserting after section 2261A
9 the following:

1 **“§ 2261B. Enhanced penalty for stalkers of children**

2 “If the victim of an offense under section 2261A is
3 under the age of 18 years, the maximum imprisonment
4 for the offense is 5 years greater than the maximum term
5 of imprisonment otherwise provided for that offense in sec-
6 tion 2261.”.

7 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
8 at the beginning of chapter 110A of title 18, United States
9 Code, is amended by inserting after the item relating to
10 section 2261A the following new item:

“2261B. Enhanced penalty for stalkers of children.”.

11 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 2261(a) of
12 title 18, United States Code, is amended by inserting “or
13 section 2262B, as the case may be” after “provided in
14 subsection (b)”.

15 **SEC. 3. BEST PRACTICES REGARDING ENFORCEMENT OF**
16 **ANTI-STALKING LAWS TO BE INCLUDED IN**
17 **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ATTORNEY GEN-**
18 **ERAL.**

19 In the annual report under section 529 of title 28,
20 United States Code, the Attorney General shall—

21 (1) include an evaluation of Federal, tribal,
22 State, and local efforts to enforce laws relating to
23 stalking; and

- 1 (2) identify and describe those elements of such
- 2 efforts that constitute the best practices for the en-
- 3 forcement of such laws.

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