

116TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 7196

To amend title 18, United States Code, to provide that certain uses of riot control agents constitute civil rights violations, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 15, 2020

Ms. ADAMS (for herself, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Ms. FUDGE, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, and Mr. VELA) 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 “Right to PROTEST
5 Act of 2020”.

6 **SEC. 2. USE OF RIOT CONTROL AGENT AS CIVIL RIGHTS**
7 **VIOLATIONS.**

8 Section 242 of title 18, United States Code, is
9 amended by adding at the end the following: “For the pur-

1 poses of this section, the use of a riot control agent with-
2 out a prior clear and audible warning is a punishment,
3 pain, or penalty. The term ‘riot control agent’ has the
4 meaning given the term ‘chemical weapon’ in section
5 229F, except that such term includes a toxic chemical and
6 its precursors where intended for a purpose not prohibited
7 under chapter 11B.’’.

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