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H. R. 959

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 4, 2019

Mr. PERRY (for himself, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mr. RYAN, Mrs. WAGNER, and Ms. JACKSON LEE) 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 “Protect our Girls Act
5 of 2019”.

6 **SEC. 2. FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION.**

7 Section 116 of title 18, United States Code, is
8 amended by adding at the end the following:

1 “(e) Except as provided in subsection (b), whoever
2 knowingly commits one of the following shall be fined
3 under this title and imprisoned not less than 10 years:

4 “(1) Travels in interstate commerce to cir-
5 cumcise, excise, or infibulate the whole or any part
6 of the labia majora or labia minora or clitoris of an-
7 other person who has not attained the age of 18
8 years.

9 “(2) Causes another person who has not at-
10 tained the age of 18 years to travel in interstate
11 commerce for the whole or any part of the labia
12 majora or labia minora or clitoris of that person to
13 be circumcised, excised, or infibulated.”.

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