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S. 2197

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 22, 2019

Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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 “Protecting Rights Of
5 Those Exploited by Coercive Trafficking Act of 2019”.

1 **SEC. 2. USE OF DRUGS OR ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES FOR**
2 **TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS.**

3 (a) **FORCED LABOR.**—Section 1589(a) of title 18,
4 United States Code, is amended—

5 (1) in paragraph (3), by striking “or” at the
6 end;

7 (2) in paragraph (4), by striking the comma at
8 the end and inserting “; or”; and

9 (3) by inserting after paragraph (4) the fol-
10 lowing:

11 “(5) by means of supplying, furnishing, or pro-
12 viding any drug or illegal substance to a person, in-
13 cluding to exploit the addiction of the person or
14 cause the person to become addicted to the drug or
15 illegal substance,”.

16 (b) **SEX TRAFFICKING.**—Section 1591(e)(2) of title
17 18, United States Code, is amended—

18 (1) in subparagraph (B), by striking “or” at
19 the end;

20 (2) in subparagraph (C), by striking the period
21 at the end and inserting “; or”; and

22 (3) by adding at the end the following:

23 “(D) supplying, furnishing, or providing
24 any drug or illegal substance to a person, in-
25 cluding to exploit the addiction of the person or
26 cause the person to become addicted to the

1 drug or illegal substance (unless the defendant
2 engaged in the conduct as a direct result of
3 being a victim of an offense under this chap-
4 ter).”.

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