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# H. R. 4203

[Report No. 115-]

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

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### 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

APRIL --, 2018

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on November 1, 2017]

# **A BILL**

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

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:*

10 **“§ 2261B. Enhanced penalty for stalkers of children**

11       *“If the victim of an offense under section 2261A is*  
12 *under the age of 18 years, the maximum imprisonment for*  
13 *the offense is 5 years greater than the maximum term of*  
14 *imprisonment otherwise provided for that offense in section*  
15 *2261.”.*

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

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

20       *(c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 2261A of title*  
21 *18, United States Code, is amended by striking “section*  
22 *2261(b) of this title” and inserting “section 2261(b) or sec-*  
23 *tion 2262B, as the case may be”.*

1 **SEC. 3. REPORT ON BEST PRACTICES REGARDING EN-**  
2 **FORCEMENT OF ANTI-STALKING LAWS.**

3 *Not later than one year after the date of the enactment*  
4 *of this Act, the Attorney General shall submit a report to*  
5 *Congress, which shall—*

6 *(1) include an evaluation of Federal, tribal,*  
7 *State, and local efforts to enforce laws relating to*  
8 *stalking; and*

9 *(2) identify and describe those elements of such*  
10 *efforts that constitute the best practices for the en-*  
11 *forcement of such laws.*