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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

NOVEMBER —, 2017

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

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[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. BEST PRACTICES REGARDING ENFORCEMENT OF**  
2 **ANTI-STALKING LAWS TO BE INCLUDED IN**  
3 **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ATTORNEY GEN-**  
4 **ERAL.**

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

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

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