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H. R. 7957

To increase penalties for crimes against children.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 11, 2024

Mrs. LUNA (for herself and Mrs. MILLER of Illinois) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To increase penalties for crimes against children.

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 “No Repeat Child Sex
5 Offenders Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. SEX TRAFFICKING.**

7 (a) TRANSPORTATION GENERALLY.—Subsection (a)
8 of section 2421 of title 18, United States Code, is amend-
9 ed by striking “or imprisoned not more than 10 years,
10 or both” and inserting “and punished by death or impris-
11 oned for life”.

1 (b) PROMOTION OR FACILITATION.—Section 2421A
2 of title 18, United States Code, is amended—

3 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “imprisoned
4 for not more than 10 years, or both” and inserting
5 “and punished by death or imprisoned for life”; and

6 (2) in subsection (b), in the continuation text
7 following paragraph (2), by striking “imprisoned for
8 not more than 25 years, or both” and inserting “and
9 punished by death or imprisoned for life”.

10 (c) COERCION AND ENTICEMENT.—Section 2422 of
11 title 18, United States Code, is amended—

12 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “or impris-
13 oned not more than 20 years, or both” and inserting
14 “and punished by death or imprisoned for life”; and

15 (2) in subsection (b), by striking “imprisoned
16 not less than 10 years or for life” and inserting
17 “punished by death or imprisoned for life”.

18 (d) SEX TRAFFICKING OF CHILDREN.—Section 1591
19 of title 18, United States Code, is amended—

20 (1) in subsection (b)—

21 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “by a
22 fine under this title and imprisonment for any
23 term of years not less than 15 or for life” and
24 inserting “shall be fined under this title and
25 punished by death or imprisoned for life”; and

1 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “by a
2 fine under this title and imprisonment for not
3 less than 10 years or for life” and inserting
4 “shall be fined under this title and punished by
5 death or imprisoned for life”; and

6 (2) in subsection (d), by striking “shall be fined
7 under this title, imprisoned for a term not to exceed
8 25 years, or both” and inserting “shall be fined
9 under this title and punished by death or imprisoned
10 for life”.

11 **SEC. 3. TRANSPORTATION OF MINORS.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2423 of title 18, United
13 States Code, is amended—

14 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “imprisoned
15 not less than 10 years or for life” and inserting
16 “punished by death or imprisoned for life”;

17 (2) in subsection (b), by striking “or impris-
18 oned not more than 30 years, or both” and inserting
19 “and punished by death or imprisoned for life”;

20 (3) in subsection (c), by striking “or imprisoned
21 not more than 30 years, or both” and inserting “and
22 punished by death or imprisoned for life”; and

23 (4) in subsection (d), by striking “imprisoned
24 for not more than 30 years, or both” and inserting
25 “and punished by death or imprisoned for life”.

1 (b) REPEAT OFFENDERS.—Section 2426(a) of title
2 18, United States Code, is amended by striking “be 3
3 times the term of imprisonment otherwise provided by this
4 chapter” and inserting “be punished by death or impris-
5 oned for life”.

6 **SEC. 4. EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN.**

7 Subsection (e) of section 2423 of title 18, United
8 States Code, is amended to read as follows:

9 “(e) ANCILLARY OFFENSES.—Whoever, for the pur-
10 pose of commercial advantage or private financial gain,
11 arranges, induces, procures, or facilitates the travel of a
12 person knowing that such a person is traveling in inter-
13 state commerce or foreign commerce with intent to engage
14 in any illicit sexual conduct shall be fined under this title
15 and punished by death or imprisoned for life.”.

16 **SEC. 5. SELLING CHILDREN.**

17 Section 2251A(a) is amended by striking “punished
18 by imprisonment for not less than 30 years or” and insert-
19 ing “punished by death or”.

20 **SEC. 6. SEXUAL ABUSE.**

21 (a) AGGRAVATED SEXUAL ABUSE.—Section 2241(c)
22 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by striking
23 “imprisoned for not less than 30 years or for life” and
24 inserting “punished by death or imprisoned for life”.

1 (b) SEXUAL ABUSE OF A MINOR.—Section 2243 of
2 title 18, United States Code, is amended—

3 (1) in subsection (a), in the continuation text
4 following paragraph (2), by striking “shall be fined
5 under this title, imprisoned not more than 15 years,
6 or both” and inserting “shall be fined under this
7 title and punished by death or imprisoned for life”;

8 (2) in subsection (b), in the continuation text
9 following paragraph (2), by striking “shall be fined
10 under this title, imprisoned not more than 15 years,
11 or both” and inserting “shall be fined under this
12 title and punished by death or imprisoned for life”;

13 and

14 (3) in subsection (c), by striking “shall be fined
15 under this title, imprisoned not more than 15 years,
16 or both” and inserting “shall be fined under this
17 title and punished by death or imprisoned for life”.

18 (c) ABUSIVE SEXUAL CONTACT.—Section 2244 of
19 title 18, United States Code, is amended—

20 (1) in subsection (a)—

21 (A) in paragraph (3), by striking “shall be
22 fined under this title, imprisoned not more than
23 two years, or both” and inserting “shall be
24 fined under this title and punished by death or
25 imprisoned for life”;

1 (B) in paragraph (4), by striking “shall be
2 fined under this title, imprisoned not more than
3 two years, or both” and inserting “shall be
4 fined under this title and punished by death or
5 imprisoned for life”;

6 (C) in paragraph (5), by striking “shall be
7 fined under this title and imprisoned for any
8 term of years or for life” and inserting “shall
9 be fined under this title and punished by death
10 or imprisoned for life”; and

11 (D) in paragraph (6), by striking “shall be
12 fined under this title, imprisoned not more than
13 two years, or both” and inserting “shall be
14 fined under this title and punished by death or
15 imprisoned for life”; and

16 (2) in subsection (c), by striking “the maximum
17 term of imprisonment that may be imposed for the
18 offense shall be twice that otherwise provided in this
19 section” and inserting “shall be fined under this title
20 and punished by death or imprisoned for life”.

21 (d) OFFENSES RESULTING IN DEATH.—Section
22 2245(a) of title 18, United States Code, is amended by
23 striking “shall be punished by death or imprisoned for any
24 term of years or for life” and inserting “shall be fined

1 under this title and punished by death or imprisoned for
2 life”.

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