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# H. R. 9282

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PFLUGER (for himself, Mr. GIMENEZ, Mr. MILLS, Mr. GUEST, Mr. GUTHRIE, and Mr. D'ESPOSITO) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## A BILL

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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 “Counter Secretary  
5 Negligence In Protecting Election Runners Act” or the  
6 “Counter SNIPER Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE PROTECTION; SENATE**  
2 **CONFIRMATION OF DIRECTOR.**

3 Section 3056 of title 18, United States Code, is  
4 amended by adding at the end the following:

5 “(h)(1) In the case that the Secretary of Homeland  
6 Security determines that any Presidential or Vice Presi-  
7 dential candidate requesting a protective detail or an in-  
8 crease in assigned protective detail resources is not eligible  
9 for such detail or increased resources for the purpose of  
10 this section, the Secretary shall submit to the candidate  
11 and the advisory committee, within 14 days after such a  
12 request is made, a written notice of the Secretary’s deter-  
13 mination, indicating the criteria that such candidate failed  
14 to meet for such purpose.

15 “(2) Any Presidential or Vice Presidential candidate  
16 may submit to the Secretary of Homeland Security a writ-  
17 ten request to reconsider the determination described in  
18 paragraph (1), which may include facts to support that  
19 the criteria specified by the Secretary of Homeland Secu-  
20 rity have been met for the purpose of this section.

21 “(3) Not later than 14 days after a request for recon-  
22 sideration is submitted under paragraph (2), the Secretary  
23 of Homeland Security shall review such request and sub-  
24 mit to the Presidential or Vice Presidential candidate a  
25 written notice of the Secretary’s final determination on  
26 whether the criteria have been met for the purpose of this

1 section, and provide a copy of such final determination  
2 to the advisory committee.

3       “(i) The United States Secret Service shall be headed  
4 by a Director, who shall be appointed by the President  
5 with the advice and consent of the Senate.”.

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