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2D SESSION

S. 3710

To amend section 249 of title 18, United States Code, to specify lynching as a hate crime act.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 28, 2022

Mr. BOOKER (for himself and Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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 “Emmett Till
5 Antilynching Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. LYNCHING; OTHER CONSPIRACIES.**

7 Section 249(a) of title 18, United States Code, is
8 amended by adding at the end the following:

9 “(5) LYNCHING.—Whoever conspires to commit
10 any offense under paragraph (1), (2), or (3) shall,

1 if death or serious bodily injury (as defined in sec-
2 tion 2246 of this title) results from the offense, be
3 imprisoned for not more than 30 years, fined in ac-
4 cordance with this title, or both.

5 “(6) OTHER CONSPIRACIES.—Whoever con-
6 spires to commit any offense under paragraph (1),
7 (2), or (3) shall, if death or serious bodily injury (as
8 defined in section 2246 of this title) results from the
9 offense, or if the offense includes kidnapping or an
10 attempt to kidnap, aggravated sexual abuse or an
11 attempt to commit aggravated sexual abuse, or an
12 attempt to kill, be imprisoned for not more than 30
13 years, fined in accordance with this title, or both.”.

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