

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 575

To provide Federal criminal penalties for lynching.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 3, 2021

Mr. PAUL 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 “Marie Thompson
5 Antilynching Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. LYNCHING.**

7 (a) OFFENSE.—Chapter 13 of title 18, United States
8 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

9 **“§ 250. Lynching**

10 “Whoever conspires with another person to violate
11 section 249 and willfully causes or attempts to cause seri-
12 ous bodily injury (as defined in section 1365(h)) shall be

1 punished in the same manner as a completed violation of
2 such section, except that if the maximum term of impris-
3 onment for such completed violation is less than 10 years,
4 the person may be imprisoned for not more than 10
5 years.”.

6 (b) TABLE OF SECTIONS AMENDMENT.—The table of
7 sections for chapter 13 of title 18, United States Code,
8 is amended by inserting after the item relating to section
9 249 the following:

“250. Lynching.”.

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