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H. R. 570

To amend title 18, United States Code, with regard to stalking.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FITZPATRICK (for himself and Mrs. MURPHY) introduced the following bill; which was 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 “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:

1 **“§ 2261B. Enhanced penalty for stalkers of children**

2 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection
3 (b), if the victim of an offense under section 2261A is
4 under the age of 18 years, the maximum imprisonment
5 for the offense is 5 years greater than the maximum term
6 of imprisonment otherwise provided for that offense in sec-
7 tion 2261.

8 “(b) LIMITATION.—Subsection (a) shall not apply to
9 a person who violates section 2261A if—

10 “(1) the person is subject to a sentence under
11 section 2261(b)(5); and

12 “(2)(A) the person is under the age of 18 at
13 the time the offense occurred; or

14 “(B) the victim of the offense is not less than
15 15 nor more than 17 years of age and not more
16 than 3 years younger than the person who com-
17 mitted the offense at the time the offense oc-
18 curred.”.

19 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
20 at the beginning of chapter 110A of title 18, United States
21 Code, is amended by inserting after the item relating to
22 section 2261A the following new item:

“2261B. Enhanced penalty for stalkers of children.”.

23 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 2261A of
24 title 18, United States Code, is amended by striking “sec-

1 tion 2261(b) of this title” and inserting “section 2261(b)
2 or section 2262B, as the case may be”.

3 **SEC. 3. REPORT ON BEST PRACTICES REGARDING EN-**
4 **FORCEMENT OF ANTI-STALKING LAWS.**

5 Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment
6 of this Act, the Attorney General shall submit a report
7 to 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.

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