

104TH CONGRESS  
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# S. 1729

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

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 7, 1996

Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself, Mr. FAIRCLOTH, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. D'AMATO, Mr. KYL, and Mr. COVERDELL) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## A BILL

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stalking.

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 “Interstate Stalking  
5 Punishment and Prevention Act of 1996”.

6 **SEC. 2. PUNISHMENT OF INTERSTATE STALKING.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title 18, United States Code, is  
8 amended by inserting after section 2261 the following:

1 **“§ 2261A. Interstate stalking**

2 “Whoever travels across a State line or within the  
 3 special maritime and territorial jurisdiction of the United  
 4 States with the intent to injure or harass another person,  
 5 and in the course of, or as a result of, such travel places  
 6 that person in reasonable fear of the death of, or serious  
 7 bodily injury to, that person or a member of that person’s  
 8 immediate family (as defined in section 115) shall be pun-  
 9 ished as provided in section 2261.”.

10 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

11 (1) Section 2261(b) of title 18, United States  
 12 Code, is amended by inserting “or section 2261A”  
 13 after “this section”.

14 (2) Sections 2261(b) and 2262(b) of title 18,  
 15 United States Code, are each amended by striking  
 16 “offender’s spouse or intimate partner” each place it  
 17 appears and inserting “victim”.

18 (3) The chapter heading for chapter 110A of  
 19 title 18, United States Code, is amended by insert-  
 20 ing “**AND STALKING**” after “**VIOLENCE**”.

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

“2261A. Interstate stalking.”.