

105TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 2815

To amend title 18, United States Code, to provide penalties for the use of interstate facilities to target children for sexually explicit messages or contacts.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 5, 1997

Mr. WELLER 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 “Protecting Children  
5 From Internet Predators Act of 1997”.

1 **SEC. 2. USE OF INTERSTATE FACILITIES TO TARGET CHIL-**  
2 **DREN FOR SEXUALLY EXPLICIT MESSAGES**  
3 **OR CONTACTS.**

4 (a) **GENERALLY.**—Chapter 110 of title 18, United  
5 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the follow-  
6 ing:

7 **“§ 2260A. Use of Interstate facilities to target chil-**  
8 **dren for sexually explicit messages or**  
9 **contacts**

10 “Whoever uses any facility in or affecting interstate  
11 commerce (including any computer network or service) to  
12 target an individual under the age of 16 years for sexually  
13 explicit messages or contacts shall be fined under this title  
14 or imprisoned not more than 5 years, or both.”.

15 (b) **CLERICAL AMENDMENT.**—The table of sections  
16 at the beginning of chapter 110 of title 18, United States  
17 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new  
18 item:

“2260A. Use of Interstate facilities to target children for sexually explicit mes-  
sages or contacts.”.

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