

107TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

S. 2318

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 25, 2002

Mrs. CLINTON 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 “Rape Kit DNA Anal-
5 ysis Backlog Elimination Act of 2002”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.**

7 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

8 (1) Every 2 minutes, somewhere in America,
9 someone is sexually assaulted.

1 (2) The Department of Justice reports that in
2 the year 2000, there were an estimated 261,000
3 rapes and sexual assaults.

4 (3) The annual National Crime Victimization
5 study consistently finds that only about $\frac{1}{3}$ of the
6 rapes in the United States are reported.

7 (4) According to the Bureau of Justice Statis-
8 tics of the Department of Justice, in the year 2000,
9 34 percent of female victims of rape or sexual as-
10 sult reported that the offender was a stranger.

11 (5) According to the Department of Justice,
12 DNA evidence is often recovered from crime scenes
13 and can be crucial to the investigation of sexual as-
14 saults and other violent crimes.

15 (6) According to the Department of Justice, the
16 importance of the role forensic DNA evidence plays
17 in solving sexual assault and homicide cases cannot
18 be overstated.

19 (7) A DNA profile from a crime scene can be
20 entered into the Combined DNA Index System of
21 the Federal Bureau of Investigation (known as
22 CODIS), which allows agencies to match DNA pro-
23 files with other profiles entered into local, State, and
24 national databases to identify a suspect or link serial
25 crimes.

1 ples from rape kits, and to ensure that DNA anal-
2 yses of samples from rape kits are carried out in a
3 timely manner in the future”; and

4 (2) in subsection (j)(2)—

5 (A) in subparagraph (C), by striking
6 “\$25,000,000” and inserting “\$150,000,000”;
7 and

8 (B) in subparagraph (D), by striking
9 “\$25,000,000” and inserting “\$100,000,000”.

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