

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1484

To amend title 49, United States Code, to establish a penalty for causing a defect in pipeline infrastructure, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 9, 2023

Mr. BOST (for himself, Mr. CRAWFORD, and Mr. NEHLS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, and the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Pipeline Sabotage and
5 Accident Prevention Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PENALTY FOR CAUSING A DEFECT IN OR DIS-**
2 **RUPTING OPERATION OF PIPELINE INFRA-**
3 **STRUCTURE.**

4 Section 60123 of title 49, United States Code, is
5 amended by adding at the end the following:

6 “(e) PENALTY FOR CAUSING A DEFECT IN OR DIS-
7 RUPTING OPERATION OF PIPELINE INFRASTRUCTURE.—

8 “(1) IN GENERAL.—A person knowingly and
9 willfully—

10 “(A) causing, or threatening to cause, a
11 defect in a pipe, pump, or valve intended to be
12 used or used in any pipeline facility described
13 in subsection (b) that would affect the integrity
14 or safe operation of any such facility shall be
15 fined under title 18, imprisoned for not more
16 than 10 years, or both; or

17 “(B) disrupting the operation of any such
18 facility shall be fined under title 18, imprisoned
19 for not more than 10 years, or both.

20 “(2) RULE OF STATUTORY CONSTRUCTION.—
21 Nothing in this subsection abridges the exercise of
22 rights guaranteed under the First Amendment to
23 the Constitution of the United States.”.