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H. R. 3648

To amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit people from intentionally impeding the 9–8–8 suicide and crisis lifeline telephone number, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 24, 2023

Mr. MOULTON (for himself, Mr. STEWART, and Mr. CÁRDENAS) 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 “Create Accountability
5 and Liability Against Lifeline Attacks Act of 2023” or the
6 “CALL Act of 2023”.

1 **SEC. 2. INTENTIONALLY IMPEDING THE 9-8-8 SUICIDE AND**
2 **CRISIS LIFELINE TELEPHONE NUMBER.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 47 of title 18, United
4 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
5 lowing:

6 **“§ 1041. Intentionally impeding the 9-8-8 suicide and**
7 **crisis lifeline telephone number**

8 “(a) OFFENSE.—Whoever makes a wire communica-
9 tion or an electronic communication to the 9-8-8 suicide
10 and crisis lifeline telephone number (including the vet-
11 erans crisis line) with the intent to impede the provision
12 of services through, or the operation of, the 9-8-8 suicide
13 and crisis lifeline telephone number shall be fined in an
14 amount that does not exceed \$1,500 or imprisoned not
15 more than 6 months, or both.

16 “(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the terms ‘wire
17 communication’ and ‘electronic communication’ have the
18 meanings given such terms in section 2510.”.

19 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
20 for chapter 47 of title 18, United States Code, is amended
21 by inserting after the item related to section 1040 the fol-
22 lowing:

“1041. Intentionally impeding the 9-8-8 suicide and crisis lifeline telephone
number.”.

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