

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 55

To amend title 18, United States Code, to enhance criminal penalties for health related stalking, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 9, 2023

Ms. JACKSON LEE 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 “Preventing Vigilante
5 Stalking that Stops Women’s Access to Healthcare and
6 Abortion Rights Act of 2022”.

1 **SEC. 2. OBTAINING OR INTERFERING WITH THE PERSONAL**
2 **HEALTHCARE DECISIONS OF A WOMAN.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 110A of title 18, United
4 States Code, is amended by inserting after section 2261B
5 the following:

6 **“§ 2261C. Enhanced penalty for health related stalk-**
7 **ing**

8 “If a person commits an offense under section 2261A
9 with the intent to obtain healthcare information of an indi-
10 vidual or to prevent the healthcare decisions of an indi-
11 vidual, the person may be imprisoned for up to 3 years,
12 in addition to any term of imprisonment imposed for that
13 offense under section 2261A.”.

14 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
15 for chapter 110A of title 18, United States Code, is
16 amended by inserting after the item relating to section
17 2261B the following:

“2261C. Enhanced penalty for health related stalking.”.

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