

117TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 7957

To amend title 18, United States Code, to expand the scope of hate crimes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 7, 2022

Ms. JACKSON LEE (for herself, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, and Ms. LEE of California) 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 “Stop Hate Acts of
5 White Supremacy Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. CRIMINAL OFFENSE.**

7 Section 249(a)(1) of title 18, United States Code, is
8 amended—

9 (1) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A)
10 by inserting after “race, color, religion, or national

1 origin of any person” the following: “, or because of
2 a white supremacy based motivation against any
3 person”; and

4 (2) in subparagraph (B)—

5 (A) in clause (i), by striking “or” at the
6 end;

7 (B) in clause (ii), by striking the period
8 and inserting “; or”; and

9 (C) by adding at the end the following:

10 “(iii) the offense was in furtherance of
11 a white supremacy based motivation.”.

12 **SEC. 3. FINDINGS.**

13 Section 4702 of the Matthew Shepard and James
14 Byrd Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act (18 U.S.C. 249
15 note) is amended by adding at the end the following:

16 “(11) Mass shootings and other hate crimes
17 motivated by white supremacy have been increasing
18 in frequency and intensity. These heinous and viru-
19 lent crimes are inspired by conspiracy theories, bla-
20 tant bigotry, and mythical falsehoods such as “re-
21 placement theory”. All instances must be prevented
22 and severe criminal penalties must be applied to
23 their perpetrators.”.

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