

110TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 3480

AN ACT

To direct the United States Sentencing Commission to assure appropriate punishment enhancements for those involved in receiving stolen property where that property consists of grave markers of veterans, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Let Our Veterans Rest
3 in Peace Act of 2008”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND DECLARATION.**

5 The Congress finds and declares that—

6 (1) every cemetery should do all it can to pro-
7 tect each grave marker, headstone, monument, or
8 other object, intended to permanently mark a grave;

9 (2) every citizen of the United States should be
10 watchful and mindful of desecrations of any
11 gravesite and report any such suspected behavior to
12 local, State, or Federal law enforcement authorities;
13 and

14 (3) all citizens, including veterans, have earned
15 the right to rest in peace.

16 **SEC. 3. DIRECTION TO THE SENTENCING COMMISSION.**

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—Pursuant to its authority under
18 section 994 of title 28, United States Code, the United
19 States Sentencing Commission shall review and, if appro-
20 priate, amend the Federal sentencing guidelines and policy
21 statements to ensure the guidelines and policy statements
22 provide adequate sentencing enhancements for any offense
23 involving the desecration, theft, or trafficking in, a grave
24 marker, headstone, monument, or other object, intended
25 to permanently mark a veteran’s grave.

1 (b) COMMISSION DUTIES.—In carrying out this sec-
2 tion, the Sentencing Commission shall—

3 (1) ensure that the sentences, guidelines, and
4 policy statements relating to offenders convicted of
5 these offenses are appropriately severe and reason-
6 ably consistent with other relevant directives and
7 other Federal sentencing guidelines and policy state-
8 ments;

9 (2) make any necessary conforming changes to
10 the Federal sentencing guidelines; and

11 (3) assure that the guidelines adequately meet
12 the purposes of sentencing as set forth in section
13 3553(a)(2) of title 18, United States Code.

Passed the House of Representatives May 21, 2008.

Attest:

Clerk.

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