

Calendar No. 778

110TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION**H. R. 3480**

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 2, 2008

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

JUNE 12, 2008

Reported by Mr. LEAHY, without amendment

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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

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

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND DECLARATION.**

7 The Congress finds and declares that—

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

4 (2) every citizen of the United States should be
5 watchful and mindful of desecrations of any
6 gravesite and report any such suspected behavior to
7 local, State, or Federal law enforcement authorities;
8 and

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

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

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

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

23 (1) ensure that the sentences, guidelines, and
24 policy statements relating to offenders convicted of
25 these offenses are appropriately severe and reason-

1 ably consistent with other relevant directives and
2 other Federal sentencing guidelines and policy state-
3 ments;

4 (2) make any necessary conforming changes to
5 the Federal sentencing guidelines; and

6 (3) assure that the guidelines adequately meet
7 the purposes of sentencing as set forth in section
8 3553(a)(2) of title 18, United States Code.

Passed the House of Representatives May 21, 2008.

Attest: LORRAINE C. MILLER,
Clerk.

By ROBERT F. REEVES,
Deputy Clerk.

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