

Union Calendar No. 66

115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1039

[Report No. 115-112]

To amend section 3606 of title 18, United States Code, to grant probation officers authority to arrest hostile third parties who obstruct or impede a probation officer in the performance of official duties.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 14, 2017

Mr. REICHERT (for himself and Mr. PASCRELL) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

MAY 8, 2017

Additional sponsor: Mr. POE of Texas

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Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union
and ordered to be printed

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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 “Probation Officer Pro-
5 tection Act of 2017”.

6 **SEC. 2. AUTHORITY OF PROBATION OFFICERS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3606 of title 18, United
8 States Code, is amended—

9 (1) in the heading, by striking “**and return**
10 **of a probationer**” and by inserting “**authority**
11 **of probation officers**”;

12 (2) by striking “If there” and inserting “(a) If
13 there”; and

14 (3) by adding at the end the following:

15 “(b) A probation officer, while in the performance of
16 his or her official duties, may arrest a person without a
17 warrant if there is probable cause to believe that the per-
18 son has forcibly assaulted, resisted, opposed, impeded, in-
19 timidated, or interfered with the probation officer, or a
20 fellow probation officer, in violation of section 111. The
21 arrest authority described in this subsection shall be exer-
22 cised under such rules and regulations as the Director of
23 the Administrative Office of the United States Courts
24 shall prescribe.”.

1 (b) TABLE OF SECTIONS.—The table of sections for
2 subchapter A of chapter 229 of title 18, United States
3 Code, is amended by striking the item relating to section
4 3606 and inserting the following:

“3606. Arrest authority of probation officers.”.

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