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H. R. 4187

To amend title 18, United States Code, to clarify the causation element in the Federal hate crime statute, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 26, 2025

Mr. LIEU (for himself, Mrs. MCBATH, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. PANNETTA, Ms. NORTON, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, and Ms. VELÁZQUEZ) 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 Crimes Act
5 of 2025”.

6 **SEC. 2. CLARIFICATION AS TO CAUSATION ELEMENT IN**
7 **HATE CRIMES.**

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

1 (1) in paragraph (1), in the matter preceding
2 subparagraph (A)—

3 (A) by striking “because of” and inserting
4 “if”; and

5 (B) by inserting after “origin of any per-
6 son” the following: “was a contributory moti-
7 vating factor for causing or attempting to cause
8 such injury”; and

9 (2) in paragraph (2)(A), in the matter pre-
10 ceding clause (i)—

11 (A) by striking “because of” and inserting
12 “if”; and

13 (B) by inserting after “disability of any
14 person” the following: “was a contributory mo-
15 tivating factor for causing or attempting to
16 cause such injury”.

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