

119TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 7898

To amend title 18, United States Code, to establish criminal penalties for interfering with National Guard protective zones.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 12, 2026

Mrs. BIGGS of South Carolina (for herself, Mr. DESJARLAIS, Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana, and Mr. MOORE of Alabama) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## 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 “National Guard Pro-  
5 tective Zone Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. INTERFERENCE WITH NATIONAL GUARD PROTEC-**  
2 **TIVE ZONE.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 67 of title 18, United  
4 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
5 lowing:

6 **“§ 1390. Interference with National Guard protective**  
7 **zone**

8 “(a) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term ‘posted  
9 protective zone’ means an area around a member of the  
10 National Guard—

11 “(1) the perimeter of which is not more than 15  
12 feet from the member; and

13 “(2) that is marked by a verbal warning, visible  
14 signage, barricade tape, or other reasonable means.

15 “(b) OFFENSE.—It shall be unlawful, during a de-  
16 ployment authorized under chapter 15 of title 10 or under  
17 title 32, for any person to knowingly enter or remain with-  
18 in a posted protective zone with the intent to impede, in-  
19 timidate, or interfere with the official duties of a member  
20 of the National Guard who is within the posted protective  
21 zone.

22 “(c) PENALTIES.—

23 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-  
24 graph (2), any person who violates subsection (b)  
25 shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more  
26 than 1 year, or both.

1           “(2) AGGRAVATED PENALTY.—If, in the course  
2           of committing a violation of subsection (b), a person  
3           makes physical contact with, throws an object at, or  
4           spits on the member of the National Guard, the  
5           maximum term of imprisonment under paragraph  
6           (1) shall be 5 years.

7           “(d) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-  
8           tion shall be construed to prohibit activity protected by  
9           the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United  
10          States that is conducted outside a posted protective  
11          zone.”.

12          (b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—  
13          The table of sections for chapter 67 of title 18, United  
14          States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
15          lowing:

“1390. Interference with National Guard protective zone.”.

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