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To amend title 18, United States Code, to provide for sentencing of three strikes offenders.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ROY 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 “Career Criminal Ac-
5 countability Act of 2026”.

6 **SEC. 2. IMPOSITION OF A SENTENCE.**

7 Section 3553(a) of title 18, United States Code, is
8 amended by striking “The court shall impose” and insert-
9 ing “Except as otherwise provided in section 3559A, the
10 court shall impose”.

1 **SEC. 3. THREE STRIKES OFFENDERS.**

2 Subchapter A of chapter 227 of title 18, United
3 States Code, is amended—

4 (1) by adding at the end the following:

5 **“§ 3559A. Three strikes offenders**

6 “(a) IN GENERAL.—In determining the appropriate
7 sentence for a defendant, the sentencing judge shall deter-
8 mine whether the defendant is required to be sentenced
9 as a three-strikes offender, as defined in subsection (b),
10 and shall sentence said defendant in accordance with this
11 section.

12 “(b) STRIKE COUNTS.—In determining whether the
13 defendant is required to be sentenced as a three-strikes
14 offender, the court shall determine the number of strikes
15 accrued by the defendant according to the following:

16 “(1) Any conviction for a strike-eligible mis-
17 demeanor, set forth in subparagraphs (A) through
18 (C) of subsection (e)(2), shall count as one-quarter
19 ($\frac{1}{4}$) strike.

20 “(2) Any conviction for a strike-eligible non-
21 violent felony, set forth in subparagraphs (D)
22 through (T) of subsection (e)(2), shall count as one-
23 half ($\frac{1}{2}$) strike.

24 “(3) Any conviction for a strike-eligible firearm-
25 related felony, set forth in subparagraphs (U)

1 through (FF) of subsection (e)(2), shall count as
2 one (1) strike.

3 “(4) Any conviction for a strike-eligible violent
4 felony, set forth in subparagraphs (GG) through
5 (JJJ) of subsection (e)(2), shall count as one (1)
6 strike.

7 “(5) A defendant shall not accrue any strikes
8 for any misdemeanor convictions for offenses com-
9 mitted while the defendant was a juvenile.

10 “(6) Any convictions for strike-eligible non-
11 violent or firearm-related felony offenses in cases in
12 which the defendant was a juvenile shall result in
13 the accrual of only one-quarter ($\frac{1}{4}$) strike.

14 “(7) Any convictions for strike-eligible violent
15 felony offenses in cases in which the defendant was
16 a juvenile shall result in the accrual of only one-half
17 ($\frac{1}{2}$) strike.

18 “(c) ENHANCED SENTENCES.—A three-strikes of-
19 fender shall—

20 “(1) have a consecutive sentence of 10 years
21 imprisonment added to the sentence for the offenses
22 of which the defendant was convicted if the most se-
23 rious underlying offense in the instant case is a non-
24 violent felony set forth in subparagraphs (D) through
25 (T) of subsection (e)(2);

1 “(2) have a consecutive sentence of 15 years
2 imprisonment added to the sentence for the offenses
3 of which the defendant was convicted if the most se-
4 rious underlying strike-eligible offense in the instant
5 case is a firearm-related felony set forth in subpara-
6 graphs (U) through (FF) of subsection (e)(2); and

7 “(3) have a consecutive sentence of life impris-
8 onment added to the sentence for the offenses of
9 which the defendant was convicted if—

10 “(A) the most serious underlying offense in
11 the instant case is a violent felony set forth in
12 subparagraphs (GG) through (JJJ) of sub-
13 section (e)(2);

14 “(B) the defendant has been convicted of
15 strike-eligible offenses on at least two prior oc-
16 casions;

17 “(C) at least three of the defendant’s
18 strikes stem from convictions for strike-eligible
19 felony offenses; and

20 “(D) a 20-year consecutive sentence added
21 if the most serious underlying offense in the in-
22 stant case is a violent felony set forth in sub-
23 paragraphs (X) through (VV) of subsection
24 (e)(2), and the defendant has been convicted of
25 strike-eligible offenses on at least two prior oc-

1 casions, but fewer than three of the defendant's
2 strikes stem from convictions for strike-eligible
3 felony offenses.

4 “(d) PROHIBITION ON MISDEMEANOR-TRIGGERED
5 ENHANCEMENTS.—A defendant who reaches or surpasses
6 the three-strikes threshold due to an instant conviction of
7 a strike-eligible misdemeanor shall not be eligible for a
8 sentencing enhancement under this section until said de-
9 fendant is subsequently convicted of a felony, such that
10 no sentencing enhancement shall be applied to sentences
11 for misdemeanor convictions.

12 “(e) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section:

13 “(1) THREE-STRIKES OFFENDER.—The term
14 ‘three-strikes offender’ means a defendant if—

15 “(A) the instant strike-eligible offense of
16 which the defendant is convicted constitutes an
17 offense set forth in subparagraphs (D) through
18 (JJJ) of paragraph (2); and

19 “(B) the defendant has, inclusive of the
20 conviction for the instant offense and account-
21 ing for desistance credits, accrued three (3) or
22 more strikes through prior convictions.

23 A defendant may not be deemed a three-strikes of-
24 fender if all the defendant's strikes are the result of
25 convictions in one or more cases stemming from a

1 single episode of criminal action. If all the defend-
2 ant's strikes are the result of convictions stemming
3 from two episodes of criminal action, each episode
4 must include at least one (1) strike-eligible felony
5 conviction for the defendant to be deemed a three-
6 strikes offender.

7 “(2) STRIKE-ELIGIBLE OFFENSES.—The term
8 ‘strike eligible offense’ means any of the following
9 (and includes, with regard to each offense, any at-
10 tempt or conspiracy to commit the offense):

11 “(A) Section 404 of the Controlled Sub-
12 stances Act (21 U.S.C. 844).

13 “(B) Section 873 of title 18, United States
14 Code.

15 “(C) Any State-level misdemeanor unlaw-
16 ful possession of a firearm offense.

17 “(D) Section 521 of title 18, United States
18 Code.

19 “(E) Section 371 of title 18, United States
20 Code.

21 “(F) Section 1956 of title 18, United
22 States Code.

23 “(G) Section 1341 of title 18, United
24 States Code.

1 “(H) Section 1951 of title 18, United
2 States Code.

3 “(I) Section 1952 of title 18, United
4 States Code.

5 “(J) Section 401(a)(1) of the Controlled
6 Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 841(a)(1)).

7 “(K) Section 406 of the Controlled Sub-
8 stances Act (21 U.S.C. 846).

9 “(L) Section 408 of the Controlled Sub-
10 stances Act (21 U.S.C. 848).

11 “(M) Section 2285 of title 18, United
12 States Code.

13 “(N) Section 1010(a) of the Controlled
14 Substances Import and Export Act (21 U.S.C.
15 960(a)).

16 “(O) Section 274 of the Immigration and
17 Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1324).

18 “(P) Section 278 of the Immigration and
19 Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1328).

20 “(Q) Any State-level burglary offense.

21 “(R) Any State-level extortion charge.

22 “(S) Any State-level drug trafficking/dis-
23 tribution/possession with intent to deliver of-
24 fense.

1 “(T) Section 922(d) of title 18, United
2 States Code.

3 “(U) Section 922(g) of title 18, United
4 States Code.

5 “(V) Section 922(j) of title 18, United
6 States Code.

7 “(W) Section 922(k) of title 18, United
8 States Code.

9 “(X) Section 922(n) of title 18, United
10 States Code.

11 “(Y) Section 922(u) of title 18, United
12 States Code.

13 “(Z) Section 922(x) of title 18, United
14 States Code.

15 “(AA) Section 924(c) of title 18, United
16 States Code.

17 “(BB) Section 924(n) of title 18, United
18 States Code.

19 “(CC) Section 933(a) of title 18, United
20 States Code.

21 “(DD) Section 2118(c)(1) of title 18,
22 United States Code.

23 “(EE) Any State-level felon in possession
24 of a firearm offense.

1 “(FF) Any State-level firearms trafficking
2 offense.

3 “(GG) Section 1111 of title 18, United
4 States Code.

5 “(HH) Section 1961 of title 18, United
6 States Code.

7 “(II) Section 2119 of title 18, United
8 States Code.

9 “(JJ) Section 11(b) of title 18, United
10 States Code.

11 “(KK) Section 36(a) of title 18, United
12 States Code.

13 “(LL) Section 111(a) of title 18, United
14 States Code.

15 “(MM) Section 1958 of title 18, United
16 States Code.

17 “(NN) Section 2113(d) of title 18, United
18 States Code.

19 “(OO) Section 2118 of title 18, United
20 States Code.

21 “(PP) Section 1581(a) of title 18, United
22 States Code.

23 “(QQ) Section 1584 of title 18, United
24 States Code.

1 “(RR) Section 1589 of title 18, United
2 States Code.

3 “(SS) Section 1590 of title 18, United
4 States Code.

5 “(TT) Section 1591 of title 18, United
6 States Code.

7 “(UU) Section 1959 of title 18, United
8 States Code.

9 “(VV) Section 2422(b) of title 18, United
10 States Code.

11 “(WW) Section 2423 of title 18, United
12 States Code.

13 “(XX) Section 2251 of title 18, United
14 States Code.

15 “(YY) Section 2252A of title 18, United
16 States Code.

17 “(ZZ) Section 2260 of title 18, United
18 States Code.

19 “(AAA) Any State-level first- and second-
20 degree murder offenses.

21 “(BBB) Any State-level sexual assault or
22 rape offenses.

23 “(CCC) Any State-level child molestation
24 offense.

1 “(DDD) Any State-level robbery and ag-
2 gravated/armed robbery offense.

3 “(EEE) Any assault with a deadly weapon
4 offense.

5 “(FFF) Section 1201 of title 18, United
6 States Code.

7 “(GGG) Section 1512 of title 18, United
8 States Code.

9 “(HHH) Section 1513 of title 18, United
10 States Code.

11 “(III) Any State-level carjacking offenses.

12 “(JJJ) Any State-level assault on a police
13 officer offense.

14 “(3) SINGLE EPISODE OF CRIMINAL ACTION.—

15 The term ‘single episode of criminal action’ means
16 an event or continuous series of events related to the
17 furtherance of a single criminal act, excluding the
18 defendant’s violent resistance of any law-enforce-
19 ment officer or citizens acting lawfully in defense of
20 themselves or another that proximately causes death
21 or serious bodily harm to the officer, citizen, or any
22 other person.”; and

23 (2) in the table of sections, by adding at the
24 end the following:

“3559A. Three strike offenders.”.

