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# H. R. 8452

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 22, 2026

Ms. MACE (for herself and Mr. BURCHETT) 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 “Restoring Law and  
5       Order on America’s Streets Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZING THE CIVIL COMMITMENT OF PER-**  
7                       **SONS WHO ARE A DANGER TO PUBLIC SAFE-**  
8                       **TY.**

9       (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 4248 of title 18, United  
10       States Code, is amended—

1 (1) in the section heading, by inserting “**or a**  
2 **person who is a danger to public safety**”  
3 after “**of a sexually dangerous person**”;

4 (2) by inserting “or a person who is a danger  
5 to public safety” after “sexually dangerous person”  
6 each time it appears;

7 (3) by inserting “or a danger to the public”  
8 after “sexually dangerous to others” each time it ap-  
9 pears; and

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

11 “(h) REQUIRED DETERMINATION FOR HOMELESS  
12 INDIVIDUALS.—The Attorney General or the Director of  
13 the Bureau of Prisons, as appropriate, shall evaluate each  
14 person described in subsection (a) who was homeless (as  
15 such term is defined in section 103 of the McKinney-Vento  
16 Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11302)) immediately  
17 prior the date on which the person entered the custody  
18 of the Attorney General or the Bureau of Prisons, or im-  
19 mediately prior to the date on which criminal charges were  
20 dismissed solely for reasons relating to the mental condi-  
21 tion of the person, to determine whether to certify that  
22 such person is a sexually dangerous person or a person  
23 who is a danger to public safety.”.

24 (b) DEFINITIONS.—Section 4247 of title 18, United  
25 States Code, is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (a)—

2 (A) in paragraph (5), by striking “and” at  
3 the end;

4 (B) in paragraph (6), by striking the pe-  
5 riod at the end and inserting a semicolon; and

6 (C) by adding at the end the following:

7 “(7) ‘person who is a danger to public safety’  
8 means a person—

9 “(A) who has engaged or attempted to en-  
10 gage in—

11 “(i) a crime of violence;

12 “(ii) burglary, robbery, or larceny;

13 “(iii) the unlawful possession, use,  
14 sale, transfer, or distribution of a con-  
15 trolled substance in a public place;

16 “(iv) urban camping or urban squat-  
17 ting; or

18 “(v) vandalism; and

19 “(B) who is a danger to the public;

20 “(8) ‘danger to the public’, with respect to a  
21 person, means that the person suffers from a serious  
22 mental illness, abnormality, or disorder as a result  
23 of which such person would have serious difficulty in  
24 refraining from engaging in—

25 “(A) a crime of violence;

1 “(B) burglary, robbery, or larceny;

2 “(C) the possession, use, sale, transfer, or  
3 distribution of illegal narcotics in a public place;

4 “(D) urban camping or urban squatting;

5 or

6 “(E) vandalism;

7 “(9) ‘urban camping’ means using as a primary  
8 living accommodation (rather than transient recre-  
9 ation) any temporary outdoor shelter, including  
10 tents, tarps, bedding, or vehicle for sleeping or resid-  
11 ing for a period exceeding 24 hours in a single loca-  
12 tion on public or private property not designated for  
13 recreational use; and

14 “(10) ‘urban squatting’ means using or occu-  
15 pying a vacant or abandoned building, structure, or  
16 land, without authorization.”; and

17 (2) in subsection (c)(4)(D), by inserting “or a  
18 person who is a danger to public safety” after “sex-  
19 ually dangerous person”.

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