

119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 8678

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 7, 2026

Mr. CARTER of Georgia introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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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 “Zero Tolerance for Po-
5 litical Violence Act of 2026”.

1 **SEC. 2. MANDATORY MINIMUM SENTENCES FOR ASSAS-**
2 **SINATION ATTEMPTS OF CERTAIN FEDERAL**
3 **OFFICIALS.**

4 (a) CONGRESSIONAL, CABINET, AND SUPREME
5 COURT ASSASSINATION ATTEMPTS.—Section 351(c) of
6 title 18, United States Code, is amended—

7 (1) by striking “Whoever attempts” and insert-
8 ing “(1) Whoever attempts”;

9 (2) by striking “kill or”; and

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

11 “(2) Whoever attempts to kill any individual
12 designated in subsection (a) of this section shall be
13 punished by imprisonment for any term of years not
14 less than 25, or for life.”.

15 (b) PRESIDENTIAL AND PRESIDENTIAL STAFF AS-
16 SASSINATION ATTEMPTS.—Section 1751(c) of title 18,
17 United States Code, is amended—

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