

119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 8685

To amend section 1751 of title 18, United States Code, to include the death penalty as punishment for an attempt to assassinate certain individuals.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 7, 2026

Mr. GOODEN (for himself and Mr. STEUBE) 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 “Protect the Presidency
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PUNISHMENT FOR ASSASSINATION OF CERTAIN IN-** 7 **DIVIDUALS.**

8 Section 1751(c) of title 18, United States Code, is
9 amended by inserting “death or” before “imprisonment”.