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To amend title 18, United States Code, to increase the penalty for rioting.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. COTTON introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred
to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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penalty for rioting.

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 “Mitigating Extreme
5 Lawlessness and Threats Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. RIOTS.**

7 Section 2101 of title 18, United States Code, is
8 amended—

9 (1) in subsection (a), in the flush text following
10 paragraph (4), by striking “subparagraph (A), (B),
11 (C), or (D)” and all that follows and inserting

1 “paragraph (1), (2), (3), or (4) of this subsection,
2 shall be punished as provided in subsection (b).”;

3 (2) by redesignating subsections (b) through (f)
4 as subsections (c) through (g), respectively;

5 (3) by inserting after subsection (a) the fol-
6 lowing:

7 “(b) The punishment for a violation of subsection (a)
8 shall be—

9 “(1) a fine under this title, or a term of impris-
10 onment of not more than ten years, or both;

11 “(2) if the defendant, in carrying out an activ-
12 ity described in subsection (a), committed an act of
13 violence or aided or abetted any other person in
14 committing an act of violence, a fine under this title,
15 a term of imprisonment of not less than one year
16 and not more than ten years, or both; or

17 “(3) if the defendant, in carrying out an activ-
18 ity described in subsection (a), assaulted a Federal
19 law enforcement officer or member of the uniformed
20 service, a fine under this title, or a term of imprison-
21 ment for any term of years, but not less than one
22 year, or for life, or both.”; and

23 (4) in subsection (c), as so redesignated, by
24 striking “subparagraph (A), (B), (C), or (D) of

- 1 paragraph (1) of subsection (a)” and inserting
- 2 “paragraph (1), (2), (3), or (4) of subsection (a)”.

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