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To amend title 18 of the United States Code to provide life imprisonment for repeat offenders who commit sex offenses against children.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin (for himself, Mr. ARMEY, Mr. GARY MILLER of California, Mr. SHIMKUS, Mr. SHOWS, Mr. FOLEY, Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi, Mr. ENGLISH, and Mr. NEY) 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 “Two Strikes and  
5 You’re Out Child Protection Act of 1999.”

1 **SEC. 2. MANDATORY LIFE IMPRISONMENT FOR REPEAT**  
2 **SEX OFFENSES AGAINST CHILDREN.**

3 Section 3559 of title 18, United States Code, is  
4 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-  
5 section:

6 “(e) MANDATORY LIFE IMPRISONMENT FOR RE-  
7 PEATED SEX OFFENSES AGAINST CHILDREN.—

8 “(1) IN GENERAL.—A person who is convicted  
9 of a Federal sex offense in which a minor is the vic-  
10 tim shall be sentenced to life imprisonment if the  
11 person has a prior sex conviction in which a minor  
12 was the victim, unless the sentence of death is im-  
13 posed.

14 “(2) DEFINITIONS.—For the purposes of this  
15 subsection—

16 “(A) the term ‘Federal sex offense’ means  
17 an offense under section 2241 (relating to ag-  
18 gravated sexual abuse), 2242 (relating to sexual  
19 abuse), 2243 (relating to sexual abuse of a  
20 minor or ward), 2244 (relating to abusive sex-  
21 ual contact), 2245 (relating to sexual abuse re-  
22 sulting in death), 2251 (relating to sexual ex-  
23 ploitation of children), 2251A (relating to sell-  
24 ing or buying of children), 2252 (relating to  
25 sexually exploitative material), 2252A (relating  
26 to child pornographic material), 2422 (relating

1 to coercion and enticement), or 2423 (relating  
2 to transportation of minors);

3 “(B) the term ‘prior sex conviction’ means  
4 a conviction for which the sentence was imposed  
5 before the conduct occurred forming the basis  
6 for the subsequent Federal sex offense, and  
7 which was for either—

8 “(i) a Federal sex offense; or

9 “(ii) an offense under State law con-  
10 sisting of conduct that would have been a  
11 Federal sex offense if, to the extent or in  
12 the manner specified in the applicable pro-  
13 vision of title 18—

14 “(I) the offense involved inter-  
15 state or foreign commerce, or the use  
16 of the mails; or

17 “(II) the conduct occurred in any  
18 commonwealth, territory, or posses-  
19 sion of the United States, within the  
20 special maritime and territorial juris-  
21 diction of the United States, in a Fed-  
22 eral prison, on any land or building  
23 owned by, leased to, or otherwise used  
24 by or under the control of the Govern-  
25 ment of the United States, or in the

1 Indian country as defined in section  
2 1151;

3 “(C) the term ‘minor’ means any person  
4 under the age of 18 years; and

5 “(D) the term ‘State’ means a State of the  
6 United States, the District of Columbia, and  
7 any commonwealth, territory, or possession of  
8 the United States.”.

9 **SEC. 3. TITLE 18 CONFORMING AND TECHNICAL AMEND-**  
10 **MENTS.**

11 (a) SECTION 2247.—Section 2247 of title 18, United  
12 States Code, is amended by inserting “, unless section  
13 3559(e) applies” before the final period.

14 (b) SECTION 2251.—The first sentence of section  
15 2251(d) of title 18, United States Code, is amended by  
16 striking the first occurrence of “, but if” and all that fol-  
17 lows through “nor more than life”.

18 (c) SECTION 2252.—

19 (1) Section 2252(b)(1) of title 18, United  
20 States Code, is amended by striking “, but if” and  
21 all that follows through “30 years”.

22 (2) Section 2252(b)(2) of title 18, United  
23 States Code, is amended by striking “, but if” and  
24 all that follows through “10 years”.

25 (d) SECTION 2252A.—

1           (1) Section 2252A(b)(1) of title 18, United  
2       States Code, is amended by striking “, but, if” and  
3       all that follows through “30 years”.

4           (2) Section 2252A(b)(2) of title 18, United  
5       States Code, is amended by striking “, but, if” and  
6       all that follows through “10 years”.

7       (e) SECTION 2426.—Section 2426 of title 18, United  
8       States Code, is amended by inserting “, unless section  
9       3559(e) applies” before the final period.

10       (f) TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.—Sections 2252(c)(1)  
11       and 2252A(d)(1) of title 18, United States Code, are each  
12       amended by striking “less than three” and inserting  
13       “fewer than 3”.

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