

108TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1604

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 10, 2003

Mr. SPECTER introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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 “Terrorist Penalties En-
5 hancement Act of 2003”.

6 SEC. 2. PENALTIES FOR TERRORIST MURDERS.

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8 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
9 lowing:

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3 mitting a terrorist offense, engages in conduct that results
4 in the death of a person, shall be punished by death or
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6 “(b) TERRORIST OFFENSE DEFINED.—In this sec-
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14 title;

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