

110TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 2216

To amend the Hate Crime Statistics Act to include crimes against the homeless.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 8, 2007

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas (for herself, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. WEXLER, Mr. KUCINICH, and Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas) 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 “Hate Crimes Against  
5       the Homeless Statistics Act of 2007”.

6       **SEC. 2. INCLUSION OF HOMELESS.**

7       Section (1)(b) of the Hate Crime Statistics Act is  
8       amended—

1           (1) in paragraph (1), by inserting “homeless  
2       status,” after “sexual orientation,”; and

3           (2) by adding the the end the following:

4           “(6) As used in this subsection, the term  
5       ‘homeless status’ with respect to an individual, re-  
6       fers to an individual who—

7               “(A) lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate  
8       nighttime residence; or

9               “(B) has a primary nighttime residence  
10      that is—

11               “(i) a public or private place not de-  
12      signed for, or ordinarily used as, a regular  
13      sleeping accommodation for human beings,  
14      including cars, parks, public spaces, aban-  
15      doned buildings, substandard housing, bus  
16      or train stations, or similar settings;

17               “(ii) a supervised publicly or privately  
18      operated shelter designed to provide tem-  
19      porary living accommodations, including  
20      motels, hotels, congregate shelters, and  
21      transitional housing; or

22               “(iii) housing of other persons in  
23      which the individual is temporarily staying

- 1 due to loss of housing, economic hardship,
- 2 or a similar reason.”.

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