

110TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 4005

To amend title 18, United States Code, to prevent misrepresentation of their ages by on-line predators as a means for the enticement of children.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 30, 2007

Mr. KELLER of Florida (for himself, Mr. SMITH of Texas, and Mr. FORBES) 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 “Capturing On-line  
5 Predators Act of 2007”.

1 **SEC. 2. MISREPRESENTATION OF AGE BY ON-LINE PREDATORS.**  
 2 **TORS.**

3 (a) OFFENSE.—Chapter 117 of title 18, United  
 4 States Code, is amended by inserting after section 2422  
 5 the following:

6 **“§ 2422A. Misrepresentation of age by on-line predators**  
 7 **tors**

8 “(a) Whoever, being 18 years of age or older, know-  
 9 ingly misrepresents their age in an on-line communication  
 10 to a minor to persuade, induce, entice, or coerce any indi-  
 11 vidual to engage in any sexual activity for which any per-  
 12 son can be charged with a criminal offense, or attempts  
 13 to do so, shall be fined under this title or imprisoned for  
 14 not more than 10 years, or both. A defendant sentenced  
 15 to imprisonment under this section shall serve that sen-  
 16 tence consecutively to any sentence of imprisonment im-  
 17 posed for any other offense in the same criminal episode.

18 “(b) As used in this section, the term ‘online commu-  
 19 nication’ means any communication over the Internet.”.

20 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT TO TABLE OF SEC-  
 21 TIONS.—The table of sections at the beginning of chapter  
 22 117 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by insert-  
 23 ing after the item relating to section 2422 the following  
 24 new item:

“2422A. Misrepresentation by on-line predators.”.