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S. 2422

To amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit certain computer-assisted remote hunting, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 6, 2007

Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. FEINGOLD) 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 “Computer-Assisted Re-
5 mote Hunting Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. COMPUTER-ASSISTED REMOTE HUNTING FACILI-
7 TIES.**

8 (a) OFFENSE.—Chapter 3 of title 18, United States
9 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

1 **“§ 49. Computer-assisted remote hunting**

2 “(a) PROHIBITION.—Whoever, using any instrumentality of interstate or foreign commerce, knowingly makes available a computer-assisted remote hunt shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than 5 years, or 6 both.

7 “(b) EXCEPTION.—Providing an instrumentality of commerce, such as equipment or access to the Internet, is not a violation of this section unless the provider intends the use of the equipment or access for a computer-assisted remote hunt.

12 “(c) CONSTRUCTION WITH OTHER LAW.—Nothing in this section limits the power of State and local authorities to enact laws or regulations concerning computer-assisted remote hunting facilities.

16 “(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

17 “(1) the term ‘computer-assisted remote hunt’ means any use of a computer or any other device, equipment, or software to allow a person remotely to control the aiming and discharge of a weapon so as to kill or injure an animal while not in the physical presence of the weapon; and

23 “(2) the term ‘instrumentality of interstate commerce’ means any written, wire, radio, television, or other form of communication in, or using a facility of, interstate commerce.”.

1 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
2 at the beginning of chapter 3 of title 18, United States
3 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new
4 item:

“Sec. 49. Computer-assisted remote hunting.”.

