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H. R. 2677

To amend title 18, United States Code, to provide penalties for hate crimes against members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 3, 2009

Mr. FLEMING (for himself, Mr. BILBRAY, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Ms. FALLIN, Mrs. BLACKBURN, and Mr. GINGREY of Georgia) introduced the following bill; which was 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 “Military Personnel
5 Protection Act of 2009”.

1 **SEC. 2. HATE CRIMES AGAINST MEMBERS OF THE ARMED**
2 **FORCES.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 13 of title 18, United
4 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
5 lowing:

6 **“§ 249. Hate crimes against members of the Armed**
7 **Forces**

8 “Whoever willfully causes bodily injury to any person
9 or, through the use of fire, a firearm, a dangerous weapon,
10 or an explosive or incendiary device, attempts to cause
11 bodily injury to any person, because of the actual or per-
12 ceived status of such person as an active, guard, reserve,
13 or retired member of the Armed Forces—

14 “(1) shall be imprisoned not more than 10
15 years, fined in accordance with this title, or both;
16 and

17 “(2) shall be imprisoned for any term of years
18 or for life, fined in accordance with this title, or
19 both, if—

20 “(A) death results from the offense (and
21 shall also be subject to the penalty of death); or

22 “(B) the offense includes kidnapping or an
23 attempt to kidnap, aggravated sexual abuse or
24 an attempt to commit aggravated sexual abuse,
25 or an attempt to kill.”.

1 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
2 at the beginning of chapter 13 of title 18, United States
3 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new
4 item:

“249. Hate crimes against members of the Armed Forces.”.

