

111TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3512

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.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 31, 2009

Mr. SCALISE 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 “Capturing On-line
5 Predators Act of 2009”.

6 **SEC. 2. MISREPRESENTATION OF AGE BY ON-LINE PREDATORS.**
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8 (a) OFFENSE.—Chapter 117 of title 18, United
9 States Code, is amended by inserting after section 2422
10 the following:

1 **“§ 2422A. Misrepresentation of age by on-line preda-**
2 **tors**

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

13 “(b) As used in this section, the term ‘on-line commu-
14 nication’ means any communication over the Internet.”.

15 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT TO TABLE OF SEC-
16 TIONS.—The table of sections at the beginning of chapter
17 117 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by insert-
18 ing after the item relating to section 2422 the following
19 new item:

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

