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To amend title 18, United States Code, by increasing the maximum term of imprisonment for the offense of rioting, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 22, 2021

Mr. COTTON 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 “Blocking Rioters and
5 Insurrectionists from our Cities to Keep us Safe Act of
6 2021” or as the “BRICKS Act of 2021”.

7 **SEC. 2. MAXIMUM PENALTY FOR RIOTING INCREASED.**

8 Section 2101 of title 18, United States Code, is
9 amended—

10 (1) in subsection (a)—

1 (A) by striking “subparagraph (A), (B),
 2 (C), or (D) of this paragraph” and inserting
 3 “paragraph (1), (2), (3), or (4) of this sub-
 4 section”;

5 (B) by striking “five years” and inserting
 6 “10 years”; and

7 (C) by inserting after “or both.” the fol-
 8 lowing: “If serious bodily injury (as such term
 9 is defined in section 2246) results from the acts
 10 committed in violation of this section or if such
 11 acts include the use, attempted use, or threat-
 12 ened use of a dangerous weapon, explosives, or
 13 fire, shall be fined under this title or imprisoned
 14 not more than 25 years, or both. If death re-
 15 sults from the acts committed in violation of
 16 this section or if such acts include kidnapping
 17 or an attempt to kidnap, aggravated sexual
 18 abuse, or an attempt to commit aggravated sex-
 19 ual abuse, or an attempt to kill, shall be fined
 20 under this title, or imprisoned for any term of
 21 years or for life, or both.”; and

22 (2) in subsection (b), by striking “subparagraph
 23 (A), (B), (C), or (D) of paragraph (1)” and insert-
 24 ing “paragraph (1), (2), (3), or (4)”.

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