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To prohibit certain sex offenders from entering or using the services of certain domestic violence and homeless shelters, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. MACE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

A BILL

To prohibit certain sex offenders from entering or using the services of certain domestic violence and homeless shelters, and for other purposes.

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 “Safe Shelters for Sur-
5 vivors Act of 2026”.

6 **SEC. 2. LIMITATION ON THE USE OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

7 **AND HOMELESS SHELTERS FOR SEX OFFEND-**

8 **ERS.**

9 (a) PROHIBITION ON PROVISION OF SERVICES OR
10 SHELTER TO COVERED SEX OFFENDERS.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—A covered shelter may not
2 provide any service or shelter to a covered sex of-
3 fender.

4 (2) FAILURE TO COMPLY.—A covered shelter
5 that fails to comply with the requirement under
6 paragraph (1) shall be ineligible to receive any Fed-
7 eral funds during the following fiscal year.

8 (b) PROHIBITION ON USE OF COVERED SHEL-
9 TERS.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except for the purpose of
11 seeking information on non-covered shelters, a cov-
12 ered sex offender may not enter or use the services
13 of a covered shelter.

14 (2) NOTIFICATION.—A covered sex offender
15 who enters a covered shelter shall, immediately upon
16 entering such shelter, notify any individual operating
17 such shelter that such offender is required to reg-
18 ister on the National Sex Offender Registry.

19 (3) PROVISION OF INFORMATION.—Upon re-
20 ceiving a notification from a covered sex offender
21 under paragraph (2), the individual so notified may
22 inform such offender of—

23 (A) any non-covered shelter; and

24 (B) the prohibition in paragraph (1).

1 (4) PENALTY.—Whoever, in or affecting inter-
2 state commerce, being a covered sex offender, know-
3 ingly fails to comply with paragraph (1) or (2) shall
4 be fined under title 18, United States Code, impris-
5 oned not more than 5 years, or both.

6 (5) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This subsection shall
7 take effect 180 days after the date of enactment of
8 this Act.

9 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

10 (1) COVERED SEX OFFENDER.—The term “cov-
11 ered sex offender” means a sex offender who is re-
12 quired to register on the National Sex Offender Reg-
13 istry under section 113 of the Adam Walsh Child
14 Protection and Safety Act of 2006 (34 U.S.C.
15 20913).

16 (2) COVERED SHELTER.—The term “covered
17 shelter” means a domestic violence shelter or a
18 homeless shelter that receives Federal funds.

19 (3) NATIONAL SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY.—The
20 term “National Sex Offender Registry” means the
21 national database established under section 119 of
22 the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of
23 2006 (34 U.S.C. 20921).

24 (4) SEX OFFENDER.—The term “sex offender”
25 has the meaning given such term in section 111 of

1 the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of
2 2006 (34 U.S.C. 20911).

3 (5) NON-COVERED SHELTER.—The term “non-
4 covered shelter” means a domestic violence shelter
5 or a homeless shelter other than a covered shelter.

6 (6) HOMELESS SHELTER.—The term “homeless
7 shelter” means a facility, all or a part of which is
8 used or designed to be used to provide temporary
9 housing for homeless individuals.

10 (7) HOMELESS.—The term “homeless” has the
11 meaning given such term in section 103 of the
12 McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42
13 U.S.C. 11302).

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