

107TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3123

To amend chapter 40 of title 18, United States Code, to increase the penalties for using an instrumentality of interstate commerce to threaten to kill, injure, or intimidate any individual or unlawfully to damage or destroy property by means of fire or an explosive.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 12, 2001

Mr. PASCRELL (for himself, Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. GILMAN, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. ROTHMAN, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. BARCIA, Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon, Mr. LAMPSON, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, and Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York) 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 “Bomb Threat Respon-
5 sibility Act of 2001”.

1 **SEC. 2. INCREASED PENALTIES FOR USING AN INSTRUMEN-**
2 **TALITY OF INTERSTATE COMMERCE TO**
3 **THREATEN TO KILL, INJURE, OR INTIMIDATE**
4 **ANY INDIVIDUAL OR UNLAWFULLY TO DAM-**
5 **AGE OR DESTROY PROPERTY BY MEANS OF**
6 **FIRE OR AN EXPLOSIVE.**

7 Section 844(e) of title 18, United States Code, is
8 amended—

9 (1) by inserting “not less than 1 year (or, if the
10 person has a prior conviction for a crime under Fed-
11 eral or State law, not less than 3 years) and” before
12 “not more than 10 years”; and

13 (2) by adding at the end the following: “In the
14 case of a person’s second or subsequent conviction
15 under this subsection, the person shall be sentenced
16 to a term of imprisonment of not less than 6
17 years.”.

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