

117TH CONGRESS
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S. 2249

To increase the penalties for damage to Federal courthouses and unauthorized access to areas where Federal judges work, reside, or visit.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 24, 2021

Mr. HAWLEY 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. PROTECTING FEDERAL COURTHOUSES AND**
4 **JUDGES.**

5 (a) GOVERNMENT PROPERTY OR CONTRACTS.—Sec-
6 tion 1361 of title 18, United States Code, is amended—

7 (1) in the second undesignated subsection by
8 striking “both.” and inserting the following: “both;
9 if the damage or attempted damage is to a Federal

1 courthouse, by a fine under this title or imprison-
2 ment for not more than 25 years, or both”; and

3 (2) by adding at the end the following:

4 “For purposes of this section, defacing, painting,
5 spraying, applying graffiti to, or drawing on Federal prop-
6 erty, including Federal building and monuments located
7 on Federal land, shall be presumed to result in damage
8 exceeding the sum of \$1,000.”.

9 (b) RESTRICT BUILDINGS OR GROUNDS.—Section
10 1752(c)(1) of title 18, United States Code, is amended—

11 (1) in subparagraph (B), by striking “or” at
12 the end;

13 (2) in subparagraph (C), by striking “and” at
14 the end; and

15 (3) by adding at the end the following:

16 “(D) of a Federal courthouse or Federal
17 building containing offices of Federal judges; or

18 “(E) of a building or grounds where a
19 Federal judge or other Federal official pro-
20 tected by the United States Marshals Service
21 resides, is temporarily visiting, or will be tempo-
22 rarily visiting; and”.

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