

118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 7277

To amend title 18, United States Code, to increase the time of imprisonment for an additional offense involving actual or perceived race, color, religion, or national origin.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 7, 2024

Mr. D'ESPOSITO (for himself, Mr. NICKEL, Mr. LAWLER, and Mr. THANEDAR) 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 “Halt Hate Act of
5 2024”.

6 **SEC. 2. PREVIOUS HATE CRIME ACTS.**

7 Section 249(a)(1)(B) of title 18, United States Code,
8 is amended—

1 (1) in clause (i), by striking “or” at the end;

2 (2) in clause (ii), by striking the period at the

3 end and inserting “; or”; and

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

5 “(iii) the defendant has previously

6 been convicted of an offense under this

7 paragraph or has been convicted of com-

8 mitting a State felony offense because of

9 the actual or perceived race, color, religion,

10 or national origin of any person.”.

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