

118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 9227

To amend title 18, United States Code, to extend to matter left for collection by private or commercial interstate carriers the same protections as matter carried throughout the country as interstate or foreign commerce.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 30, 2024

Mr. PHILLIPS (for himself, Mr. ALLRED, Mr. COSTA, Ms. DELBENE, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. HORSFORD, Ms. HOULAHAN, Ms. LEE of Nevada, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. PETERS, Ms. PORTER, Mr. SCHNEIDER, Mr. VEASEY, Mr. FLEISCHMANN, Mrs. KIM of California, Mr. LATURNER, Mr. SMUCKER, Mrs. STEEL, Ms. TENNEY, Mr. TIMMONS, Ms. VAN DUYNE, and Mr. VAN DREW) 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 “Porch Pirates Act of
5 2024”.

1 **SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

2 It is the sense of Congress that Congress has the au-
3 thority to extend to matters left for collection by private
4 or commercial interstate carriers the same protections as
5 matter carried through the country as interstate or foreign
6 commerce.

7 **SEC. 3. PRIVATE OR COMMERCIAL INTERSTATE CARRIER**
8 **PROTECTIONS.**

9 (a) OBSTRUCTION OF MATTER LEFT FOR COLLEC-
10 TION.—Section 659 of title 18, United States Code, is
11 amended—

12 (1) at the end of the fourth paragraph, by
13 striking “—” and inserting “; or”; and

14 (2) by inserting after paragraph four the fol-
15 lowing new paragraph:

16 “Whoever embezzles, steals, or unlawfully takes, car-
17 ries away, or by fraud or deception obtains, any package,
18 or other article, which has been delivered by any private
19 or commercial interstate carrier before the addressee or
20 his or her agent has taken physical possession—”.

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