119TH CONGRESS
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To amend title 18, United States Code, to increase the penalty for rioting.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. COTTON introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

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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 "Mitigating Extreme

5 Lawlessness and Threats Act".

6 **SEC. 2. RIOTS.**

7   Section 2101 of title 18, United States Code, is

8 amended—

9   (1) in subsection (a), in the flush text following

10   paragraph (4), by striking "subparagraph (A), (B),

11   (C), or (D)" and all that follows and inserting

1 "paragraph (1), (2), (3), or (4) of this subsection,

2   shall be punished as provided in subsection (b).";

3   (2) by redesignating subsections (b) through (f)

4   as subsections (c) through (g), respectively;

5   (3) by inserting after subsection (a) the fol-

6   lowing:

7 "(b) The punishment for a violation of subsection (a)

8 shall be—

9   "(1) a fine under this title, or a term of impris-

10   onment of not more than ten years, or both;

11   "(2) if the defendant, in carrying out an activ-

12   ity described in subsection (a), committed an act of

13   violence or aided or abetted any other person in

14   committing an act of violence, a fine under this title,

15   a term of imprisonment of not less than one year

16   and not more than ten years, or both; or

17   "(3) if the defendant, in carrying out an activ-

18   ity described in subsection (a), assaulted a Federal

19   law enforcement officer or member of the uniformed

20   service, a fine under this title, or a term of imprison-

21   ment for any term of years, but not less than one

22   year, or for life, or both."; and

23   (4) in subsection (c), as so redesignated, by

24   striking "subparagraph (A), (B), (C), or (D) of

1   paragraph (1) of subsection (a)'' and inserting

2   ''paragraph (1), (2), (3), or (4) of subsection (a)''.