

117TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 7039

To provide an exemption from certain criminal provisions for participating as a combatant in the armed conflict between Russia and Ukraine on behalf of Ukraine, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 9, 2022

Mr. MULLIN (for himself and Mrs. SPARTZ) 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 “Volunteer Fighters Ex-
5 emption Act of 2022”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXEMPTION FOR PARTICIPATING AS A COMBATANT**
2 **IN THE ARMED CONFLICT BETWEEN RUSSIA**
3 **AND UKRAINE ON BEHALF OF UKRAINE.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Any violation of a covered provi-
5 sion committed by a person that involves participating as
6 a combatant in the armed conflict between Russia and
7 Ukraine on behalf of Ukraine during the period beginning
8 February 24, 2022, and ending on the date that is 10
9 years after the date of enactment of this Act, is deemed
10 not to be such a violation.

11 (b) COVERED PROVISION DEFINED.—In this Act, the
12 term “covered provision” means section 958, 959, or 960
13 of title 18, United States Code.

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