

117TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 8149

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 17, 2022

Mr. TIMMONS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on the Judiciary

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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 “Residential Protest  
5       Prohibition Act of 2022”.

1 **SEC. 2. RESIDENTIAL PICKETING.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 88 of title 18, United  
3 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
4 lowing new section:

5 **“§ 1802. Residential picketing**

6 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Whoever, in or affecting inter-  
7 state commerce, pickets or protests before or about the  
8 dwelling of any person with the intent to harass or disturb  
9 that person in his or her dwelling shall be fined not more  
10 than \$10,000 and imprisoned not more than one year.

11 “(b) LAW ENFORCEMENT.—Before a person may be  
12 arrested for a violation of this section, a Federal law en-  
13 forcement officer shall go as near to the person as may  
14 be done with safety and shall command any person pick-  
15 eting or protesting before or about the dwelling of a person  
16 to immediately and peaceably disperse. If any such person  
17 does not thereupon immediately and peaceably disperse,  
18 such person may be arrested for a violation of this section.

19 “(c) DWELLING DEFINITION.—As used in this sec-  
20 tion, the term ‘dwelling’ means a building, structure, or  
21 portion thereof which is occupied as, or designed or in-  
22 tended for the occupancy as, a residence by one or more  
23 families.”.

- 1 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
- 2 for chapter 88 of title 18, United States Code, is amended
- 3 by adding at the end the following new item:

“1802. Residential picketing.”.

