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H. R. 2416

To amend title 18, United States Code, to clarify the causation element in the Federal hate crime statute, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 8, 2021

Mr. LIEU (for himself, Mrs. MCBATH, Mr. RUIZ, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. TAKANO, Ms. ESCOBAR, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mrs. HAYES, Ms. CHU, Mr. CASTRO of Texas, Mr. CICILLINE, Mr. HORSFORD, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Ms. BASS, Mrs. DEMINGS, Mr. SWALWELL, Mr. DEUTCH, Mr. NEGUSE, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Ms. MENG, Mr. CORREA, Mr. PANETTA, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, and Ms. MATSUI) 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 “Stop Hate Crimes Act
5 of 2021”.

1 **SEC. 2. CLARIFICATION AS TO CAUSATION ELEMENT IN**
2 **HATE CRIMES.**

3 Section 249(a) of title 18, United States Code, is
4 amended—

5 (1) in paragraph (1), in the matter preceding
6 subparagraph (A)—

7 (A) by striking “because of” and inserting
8 “if”; and

9 (B) by inserting after “origin of any per-
10 son” the following: “was a contributory moti-
11 vating factor for causing or attempting to cause
12 such injury”; and

13 (2) in paragraph (2)(A), in the matter pre-
14 ceding clause (i)—

15 (A) by striking “because of” and inserting
16 “if”; and

17 (B) by inserting after “disability of any
18 person” the following: “was a contributory mo-
19 tivating factor for causing or attempting to
20 cause such injury”.

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