

Union Calendar No. 104

116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1986

[Report No. 116–141]

To amend section 175b of title 18, United States Code, to correct a scrivener's error.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 28, 2019

Mr. RATCLIFFE (for himself, Miss RICE of New York, and Mr. HURD of Texas) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

JULY 9, 2019

Additional sponsor: Mr. COLLINS of Georgia

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and ordered to be printed

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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 “Effective Prosecution
5 of Possession of Biological Toxins and Agents Act of
6 2019”.

7 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON THE POSSESSION OF BIOLOGICAL**
8 **TOXINS AND AGENTS.**

9 Section 175b of title 18, United States Code, is
10 amended—

11 (1) in subsection (a)—

12 (A) by striking “(a)(1) No restricted” and
13 all that follows through the end of paragraph
14 (1) and inserting the following:

15 “(a) OFFENSE.—

16 “(1) IN GENERAL.—It shall be unlawful for a
17 restricted person to—

18 “(A) ship, transport, or possess in or af-
19 fecting interstate or foreign commerce any bio-
20 logical agent or toxin described in paragraph
21 (2); or

22 “(B) receive any biological agent or toxin
23 described in paragraph (2) that has been
24 shipped or transported in interstate or foreign
25 commerce.

1 “(2) AGENTS AND TOXINS COVERED.—A bio-
2 logical agent or toxin described in this paragraph is
3 a biological agent or toxin that—

4 “(A) is listed as a non-overlap or overlap
5 select biological agent or toxin under part 73 of
6 title 42, Code of Federal Regulations, pursuant
7 to section 351A of the Public Health Service
8 Act (42 U.S.C. 262a); and

9 “(B) is not excluded or exempted under
10 part 73 of title 42, Code of Federal Regula-
11 tions.”; and

12 (B) by striking “(2) Whoever” and insert-
13 ing “(3) PENALTY.—Whoever” and adjusting
14 the margin accordingly; and

15 (2) in subsection (d), in the matter preceding
16 paragraph (1), by inserting “DEFINITIONS.—” be-
17 fore “In this section:”.

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