

117TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 6852

To amend title 18, United States Code, to extend to private or commercial interstate carriers the same protections enjoyed by letter and mail carriers, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 25, 2022

Mr. PHILLIPS (for himself, Ms. ROSS, Mr. EVANS, Mr. TIFFANY, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. PETERS, Mr. TIMMONS, Ms. PORTER, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, Mr. COSTA, and Mr. MORELLE) 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 “Porch Pirates Act of
5 2022”.

1 **SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

2 It is the sense of Congress that Congress has the au-
3 thority to extend to private or commercial interstate car-
4 riers the same protections enjoyed by letter and mail car-
5 riers pursuant to its authority to regulate interstate com-
6 merce.

7 **SEC. 3. PRIVATE OR COMMERCIAL INTERSTATE CARRIER**
8 **PROTECTIONS.**

9 (a) OBSTRUCTION OF CORRESPONDENCE.—Section
10 1702 of title 18, United States Code, is amended—

11 (1) by inserting after “any post office” each
12 place it appears the following: “, private or commer-
13 cial interstate carrier facility,”;

14 (2) by inserting after “authorized depository for
15 mail matter” the following: “or private or commer-
16 cial interstate carrier drop off”;

17 (3) by inserting after “letter or mail carrier”
18 each place it appears the following: “or private or
19 commercial interstate carrier”;

20 (4) by inserting after “or authorized depository”
21 the following: “or private or commercial inter-
22 state carrier drop off”.

23 (b) THEFT OR RECEIPT OF STOLEN MAIL MATTER
24 GENERALLY.—Section 1708 of title 18, United States
25 Code, is amended—

1 (1) by inserting after “station thereof” the fol-
2 lowing: “, or any private or commercial interstate
3 carrier facility”;

4 (2) by inserting “or private or commercial
5 interstate carrier” before “route”;

6 (3) by inserting after “other authorized deposi-
7 tory for mail matter” the following: “or private or
8 commercial interstate carrier drop off”;

9 (4) by striking “or other authorized depository
10 of mail matter” and inserting “or other authorized
11 depository for mail matter or private or commercial
12 interstate carrier drop off”; and

13 (5) by inserting after “mail carrier” the fol-
14 lowing: “or private or commercial interstate carrier”.

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