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# H. R. 4573

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 6, 2017

Ms. KELLY of Illinois (for herself, Mr. RICHMOND, Mr. CLAY, Mr. LAWSON of Florida, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. RUSH, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Mr. JEFFRIES, Mrs. BEATTY, Mrs. LAWRENCE, Ms. BASS, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Ms. FUDGE, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Ms. ADAMS, and Mr. EVANS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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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 “Gun Violence Research  
5 Act of 2017”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 The Congress finds as follows:

3 (1) As of December 4, 2017, there have been  
4 56,825 incidents of gun violence in the United  
5 States in 2017.

6 (2) As of December 4, 2017, there have been  
7 14,319 deaths related to gun violence in the United  
8 States in 2017.

9 (3) Defining a mass shooting as an incident of  
10 violence during which four or more people are shot,  
11 not including the shooter—

12 (A) there have been 327 mass shootings in  
13 the United States in 2017;

14 (B) on average, there is more than one  
15 mass shooting each day in the United States;  
16 and

17 (C) there have been more than 1,500 mass  
18 shootings in the United States since the shoot-  
19 ing at Sandy Hook Elementary in 2012.

20 **SEC. 3. RESEARCH ON MENTAL HEALTH, GUN VIOLENCE,**  
21 **AND HOW THEY INTERSECT.**

22 Effective on the date of enactment of the Consoli-  
23 dated Appropriations Act, 2016 (Public Law 114–113),  
24 section 210 (prohibiting the availability of funds to advo-  
25 cate or promote gun control) of title II of division H of



- 1 health, in minority communities in the United States, and
- 2 the status of actions taken to address such effects.

