109TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION

H. R. 1558

To amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit certain computer-assisted remote hunting, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 12, 2005

Mr. Tom Davis of Virginia 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 "Computer-Assisted Re-
- 5 mote Hunting Act".
- 6 SEC. 2. COMPUTER-ASSISTED REMOTE HUNTING FACILI-
- 7 TIES.
- 8 (a) Offense.—Chapter 3 of title 18, United States
- 9 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

1 "§ 49. Computer-assisted remote hunting

- 2 "(a) Prohibition.—Whoever, using any instrumen-
- 3 tality of interstate or foreign commerce, knowingly makes
- 4 available a computer-assisted remote hunt shall be fined
- 5 under this title or imprisoned not more than 5 years, or
- 6 both.
- 7 "(b) Exception.—Providing an instrumentality of
- 8 commerce, such as equipment or access to the Internet,
- 9 is not a violation of this section unless the provider intends
- 10 the use of the equipment or access for a computer-assisted
- 11 remote hunt.
- 12 "(c) Construction With Other Law.—Nothing
- 13 in this section limits the power of State and local authori-
- 14 ties to enact laws or regulations concerning computer-as-
- 15 sisted remote hunting facilities.
- 16 "(d) Definitions.—In this section—
- 17 "(1) the term 'computer-assisted remote hunt'
- means any use of a computer or any other device,
- 19 equipment, or software, to allow a person remotely
- 20 to control the aiming and discharge of a weapon so
- as to kill or injure an animal while not in the phys-
- ical presence of the targeted animal; and
- 23 "(2) the term 'instrumentality of interstate
- commerce' means any written, wire, radio, television,
- or other form of communication in, or using a facil-
- 26 ity of, interstate commerce.".

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

"49. Computer-assisted remote hunting.".

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