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**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

To amend title 18, United States Code, to provide for sentencing of three strikes offenders.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. ROY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_  
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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 “Career Criminal Ac-  
5 countability Act of 2026”.

6 **SEC. 2. IMPOSITION OF A SENTENCE.**

7 Section 3553(a) of title 18, United States Code, is  
8 amended by striking “The court shall impose” and insert-

1 ing “Except as otherwise provided in section 3559A, the  
2 court shall impose”.

3 **SEC. 3. THREE STRIKES OFFENDERS.**

4 Subchapter A of chapter 227 of title 18, United  
5 States Code, is amended—

6 (1) by adding at the end the following:

7 **“§ 3559A. Three strikes offenders.**

8 “(a) IN GENERAL.—In determining the appropriate  
9 sentence for a defendant, the sentencing judge shall deter-  
10 mine whether the defendant is required to be sentenced  
11 as a three-strikes offender, as defined in subsection (b),  
12 and shall sentence said defendant in accordance with this  
13 section.

14 “(b) STRIKE COUNTS.—In determining whether the  
15 defendant is required to be sentenced as a three-strikes  
16 offender, the court shall determine the number of strikes  
17 accrued by the defendant according to the following:

18 “(1) Any conviction for a strike-eligible mis-  
19 demeanor, set forth in subparagraphs (A) through  
20 (C) of subsection (e)(2), shall count as one-quarter  
21 ( $\frac{1}{4}$ ) strike.

22 “(2) Any conviction for a strike-eligible non-  
23 violent felony, set forth in subparagraphs (D)  
24 through (T) of subsection (e)(2), shall count as one-  
25 half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) strike.

1           “(3) Any conviction for a strike-eligible firearm-  
2 related felony, set forth in subparagraphs (U)  
3 through (FF) of subsection (e)(2), shall count as  
4 one (1) strike.

5           “(4) Any conviction for a strike-eligible violent  
6 felony, set forth in subparagraphs (GG) through  
7 (JJJ) of subsection (e)(2), shall count as one (1)  
8 strike.

9           “(5) A defendant shall not accrue any strikes  
10 for any misdemeanor convictions for offenses com-  
11 mitted while the defendant was a juvenile.

12           “(6) Any convictions for strike-eligible non-  
13 violent or firearm-related felony offenses in cases in  
14 which the defendant was a juvenile shall result in  
15 the accrual of only one-quarter ( $\frac{1}{4}$ ) strike.

16           “(7) Any convictions for strike-eligible violent  
17 felony offenses in cases in which the defendant was  
18 a juvenile shall result in the accrual of only one-half  
19 ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) strike.

20           “(c) ENHANCED SENTENCES.—A three-strikes of-  
21 fender shall—

22           “(1) have a consecutive sentence of 10 years  
23 imprisonment added to the sentence for the offenses  
24 of which the defendant was convicted if the most se-  
25 rious underlying offense in the instant case is a non-

1 violent felony set forth in subparagraphs (D) through  
2 (T) of subsection (e)(2);

3 “(2) have a consecutive sentence of 15 years  
4 imprisonment added to the sentence for the offenses  
5 of which the defendant was convicted if the most se-  
6 rious underlying strike-eligible offense in the instant  
7 case is a firearm-related felony set forth in subpara-  
8 graphs (U) through (FF) of subsection (e)(2); and

9 “(3) have a consecutive sentence of life impris-  
10 onment added to the sentence for the offenses of  
11 which the defendant was convicted if—

12 “(A) the most serious underlying offense in  
13 the instant case is a violent felony set forth in  
14 subparagraphs (GG) through (JJJ) of sub-  
15 section (e)(2);

16 “(B) the defendant has been convicted of  
17 strike-eligible offenses on at least two prior oc-  
18 casions;

19 “(C) at least three of the defendant’s  
20 strikes stem from convictions for strike-eligible  
21 felony offenses; and

22 “(D) a 20-year consecutive sentence added  
23 if the most serious underlying offense in the in-  
24 stant case is a violent felony set forth in sub-  
25 paragraphs (X) through (VV) of subsection

1 (e)(2), and the defendant has been convicted of  
2 strike-eligible offenses on at least two prior oc-  
3 casions, but fewer than three of the defendant’s  
4 strikes stem from convictions for strike-eligible  
5 felony offenses.

6 “(d) PROHIBITION ON MISDEMEANOR-TRIGGERED  
7 ENHANCEMENTS.—A defendant who reaches or surpasses  
8 the three-strikes threshold due to an instant conviction of  
9 a strike-eligible misdemeanor shall not be eligible for a  
10 sentencing enhancement under this section until said de-  
11 fendant is subsequently convicted of a felony, such that  
12 no sentencing enhancement shall be applied to sentences  
13 for misdemeanor convictions.

14 “(e) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section:

15 “(1) THREE-STRIKES OFFENDER.—The term  
16 ‘three-strikes offender’ means a defendant if—

17 “(A) the instant strike-eligible offense of  
18 which the defendant is convicted constitutes an  
19 offense set forth in subparagraphs (D) through  
20 (JJJ) of paragraph (2); and

21 “(B) the defendant has, inclusive of the  
22 conviction for the instant offense and account-  
23 ing for desistance credits, accrued three (3) or  
24 more strikes through prior convictions.

1 A defendant may not be deemed a three-strikes of-  
2 fender if all the defendant's strikes are the result of  
3 convictions in one or more cases stemming from a  
4 single episode of criminal action. If all the defend-  
5 ant's strikes are the result of convictions stemming  
6 from two episodes of criminal action, each episode  
7 must include at least one (1) strike-eligible felony  
8 conviction for the defendant to be deemed a three-  
9 strikes offender.

10 “(2) STRIKE-ELIGIBLE OFFENSES.—The term  
11 ‘strike eligible offense’ means any of the following  
12 (and includes, with regard to each offense, any at-  
13 tempt or conspiracy to commit the offense):

14 “(A) Section 404 of the Controlled Sub-  
15 stances Act (21 U.S.C. 844).

16 “(B) Section 873 of title 18, United States  
17 Code.

18 “(C) Any State-level misdemeanor unlaw-  
19 ful possession of a firearm offense.

20 “(D) Section 521 of title 18, United States  
21 Code.

22 “(E) Section 371 of title 18, United States  
23 Code.

24 “(F) Section 1956 of title 18, United  
25 States Code.

1           “(G) Section 1341 of title 18, United  
2 States Code.

3           “(H) Section 1951 of title 18, United  
4 States Code.

5           “(I) Section 1952 of title 18, United  
6 States Code.

7           “(J) Section 401(a)(1) of the Controlled  
8 Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 841(a)(1)).

9           “(K) Section 406 of the Controlled Sub-  
10 stances Act (21 U.S.C. 846).

11           “(L) Section 408 of the Controlled Sub-  
12 stances Act (21 U.S.C. 848).

13           “(M) Section 2285 of title 18, United  
14 States Code.

15           “(N) Section 1010(a) of the Controlled  
16 Substances Import and Export Act (21 U.S.C.  
17 960(a)).

18           “(O) Section 274 of the Immigration and  
19 Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1324).

20           “(P) Section 278 of the Immigration and  
21 Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1328).

22           “(Q) Any State-level burglary offense.

23           “(R) Any State-level extortion charge.

1           “(S) Any State-level drug trafficking/dis-  
2           tribution/possession with intent to deliver of-  
3           fense.

4           “(T) Section 922(d) of title 18, United  
5           States Code.

6           “(U) Section 922(g) of title 18, United  
7           States Code.

8           “(V) Section 922(j) of title 18, United  
9           States Code.

10          “(W) Section 922(k) of title 18, United  
11          States Code.

12          “(X) Section 922(n) of title 18, United  
13          States Code.

14          “(Y) Section 922(u) of title 18, United  
15          States Code.

16          “(Z) Section 922(x) of title 18, United  
17          States Code.

18          “(AA) Section 924(c) of title 18, United  
19          States Code.

20          “(BB) Section 924(n) of title 18, United  
21          States Code.

22          “(CC) Section 933(a) of title 18, United  
23          States Code.

24          “(DD) Section 2118(c)(1) of title 18,  
25          United States Code

1           “(EE) Any State-level felon in possession  
2 of a firearm offense.

3           “(FF) Any State-level firearms trafficking  
4 offense.

5           “(GG) Section 1111 of title 18, United  
6 States Code.

7           “(HH) Section 1961 of title 18, United  
8 States Code.

9           “(II) Section 2119 of title 18, United  
10 States Code.

11          “(JJ) Section 11(b) of title 18, United  
12 States Code.

13          “(KK) Section 36(a) of title 18, United  
14 States Code.

15          “(LL) Section 111(a) of title 18, United  
16 States Code.

17          “(MM) Section 1958 of title 18, United  
18 States Code.

19          “(NN) Section 2113(d) of title 18, United  
20 States Code.

21          “(OO) Section 2118 of title 18, United  
22 States Code.

23          “(PP) Section 1581(a) of title 18, United  
24 States Code.

1           “(QQ) Section 1584 of title 18, United  
2 States Code.

3           “(RR) Section 1589 of title 18, United  
4 States Code.

5           “(SS) Section 1590 of title 18, United  
6 States Code.

7           “(TT) Section 1591 of title 18, United  
8 States Code.

9           “(UU) Section 1959 of title 18, United  
10 States Code.

11           “(VV) Section 2422(b) of title 18, United  
12 States Code.

13           “(WW) Section 2423 of title 18, United  
14 States Code.

15           “(XX) Section 2251 of title 18, United  
16 States Code.

17           “(YY) Section 2252A of title 18, United  
18 States Code.

19           “(ZZ) Section 2260 of title 18, United  
20 States Code.

21           “(AAA) Any State-level first- and second-  
22 degree murder offenses.

23           “(BBB) Any State-level sexual assault or  
24 rape offenses.

1           “(CCC) Any State-level child molestation  
2 offense.

3           “(DDD) Any State-level robbery and ag-  
4 gravated/armed robbery offense.

5           “(EEE) Any assault with a deadly weapon  
6 offense.

7           “(FFF) Section 1201 of title 18, United  
8 States Code.

9           “(GGG) Section 1512 of title 18, United  
10 States Code.

11           “(HHH) Section 1513 of title 18, United  
12 States Code.

13           “(III) Any State-level carjacking offenses.

14           “(JJJ) Any State-level assault on a police  
15 officer offense.

16           “(3) SINGLE EPISODE OF CRIMINAL ACTION.—

17           The term ‘single episode of criminal action’ means  
18 an event or continuous series of events related to the  
19 furtherance of a single criminal act, excluding the  
20 defendant’s violent resistance of any law-enforce-  
21 ment officer or citizens acting lawfully in defense of  
22 themselves or another that proximately causes death  
23 or serious bodily harm to the officer, citizen, or any  
24 other person.”; and

- 1 (2) in the table of sections, by adding at the
- 2 end the following:

“3559A. Three strike offenders.”.