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To amend the Commodity Exchange Act to prohibit the listing of contracts relating to war, death, and similar activities.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LEVIN (for himself and Mr. NUNN of Iowa) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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A BILL

To amend the Commodity Exchange Act to prohibit the listing of contracts relating to war, death, and similar activities.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the ''Discouraging Exploitative Assassination, Tragedy, and Harm Betting in Event Trading Systems Act'' or the ''DEATH BETS Act''.

SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON LISTING OF CONTRACTS RELATING TO WAR, DEATH, AND OTHER SIMILAR CIRCUMSTANCES.

Section 5c of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 7a–2) is amended by adding at the end the following:

''(d) PROHIBITION ON LISTING OF CONTRACTS RELATING TO WAR, DEATH, AND OTHER SIMILAR CIRCUMSTANCES.—A registered entity shall not list for trading or accept for clearing on or through the registered entity any of the following:

''(1) An agreement, contract, transaction, or swap based on an excluded commodity described in section 1a(19)(iv) that expressly references—

''(A) terrorism;

''(B) assassination;

''(C) war;

''(D) United States Armed Forces military operations; or

''(E) any similar activity, as determined by the Commission pursuant to rule or regulation to be necessary and appropriate to achieve the purposes of this Act.

''(2) An agreement, contract, transaction, or swap based on an excluded commodity described in section 1a(19)(iv) for which the event for the contract, at the time of listing, is reasonably expected

to resolve principally based on a death of an individual.''.

SEC. 3. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.

Nothing in this Act or an amendment made by this Act shall be construed to affect the permissibility of any agreements, contracts, transactions, or swaps involving any activity described in section 5c(c)(5)(C)(i) of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 7a–2(c)(5)(C)(i)) other than the activities described in subsection (d) of section 5c of that Act (7 U.S.C. 7a–2) (as added by section 2).

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