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# H. R. 6173

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BURCHETT introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on the Judiciary

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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 “Public Transit Crime  
5       Prevention Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. VANDALISM AND GRAFFITI AGAINST MASS TRANS-**  
2 **PORTATION SYSTEMS; ASSAULTS COM-**  
3 **MITTED ON MASS TRANSPORTATION SYS-**  
4 **TEMS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 97 of title 18, United  
6 States Code, is amended by inserting after section 1992  
7 the following:

8 **“§ 1993. Vandalism and graffiti against mass trans-**  
9 **portation systems**

10 “(a) OFFENSES.—Whoever, in a circumstance de-  
11 scribed in subsection (c), knowingly—

12 “(1) defaces, damages, destroys, or disfigures  
13 any mass transportation vehicle, facility, or property  
14 (as such terms are defined in section 1992(d)) by  
15 means of graffiti, tagging, or other form of inscrip-  
16 tion or defacement; or

17 “(2) possesses tools, materials, or equipment  
18 that may be used to commit an act described in  
19 paragraph (1) with the intent to use such items to  
20 commit an act described in paragraph (1),  
21 shall be punished as provided in subsection (b).

22 “(b) PENALTIES.—

23 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Whoever commits an of-  
24 fense under subsection (a) shall be fined under this  
25 title, imprisoned for not more than 5 years, or both.

1           “(2) AGGRAVATED OFFENSES.—Whoever com-  
2           mits an offense under subsection (a)—

3                   “(A) that results in damage or loss exceed-  
4           ing \$1,000; or

5                   “(B) having been previously convicted  
6           under this section or under a comparable State  
7           law that prohibits vandalism or graffiti,  
8           shall be fined under this title, imprisoned for not  
9           more than 10 years, or both.

10          “(c) JURISDICTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES.—The cir-  
11          cumstances referred to in subsection (a) are that—

12                   “(1) the offense affects interstate or foreign  
13          commerce;

14                   “(2) the mass transportation vehicle, facility, or  
15          property is used in interstate or foreign commerce or  
16          in any activity affecting interstate or foreign com-  
17          merce; or

18                   “(3) the mass transportation vehicle, facility, or  
19          property receives Federal funding.

20          “(d) RESTITUTION.—Upon a conviction under this  
21          section, the court shall order restitution in an amount  
22          equal to the total cost of repair to, cleanup of, or replace-  
23          ment of the mass transportation vehicle, facility, or prop-  
24          erty, resulting from the offense.

1 **“§ 1994. Assaults committed on mass transportation**  
2 **systems**

3 “(a) OFFENSES.—Whoever, in a circumstance de-  
4 scribed in subsection (c) of section 1993, knowingly—

5 “(1) assaults a transit worker (including an op-  
6 erator, conductor, driver, maintenance personnel, or  
7 security personnel) while such worker is engaged in  
8 the performance of their duties on or in connection  
9 with a mass transportation vehicle, facility, or prop-  
10 erty; or

11 “(2) assaults a passenger on a mass transpor-  
12 tation vehicle or at a mass transportation facility or  
13 property,

14 shall be punished as provided in subsection (b).

15 “(b) PENALTIES.—

16 “(1) SIMPLE ASSAULT.—Except as provided in  
17 paragraph (2), whoever commits an offense under  
18 subsection (a) shall be fined under this title, impris-  
19 oned for not less than 5 years and not more than  
20 20 years, or both.

21 “(2) AGGRAVATED ASSAULT.—Whoever com-  
22 mits an offense under subsection (a)—

23 “(A) that involves the use of a dangerous  
24 weapon;

25 “(B) that results in serious bodily injury;  
26 or

1                   “(C) having been previously convicted  
2                   under this section, section 111, or comparable  
3                   State law prohibiting assault,  
4                   shall be fined under this title, imprisoned for not  
5                   less than 15 years and more than 20 years, or  
6                   both.”.

7                   (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents  
8                   for chapter 97 of title 18, United States Code, is amended  
9                   by inserting after the item relating to section 1992 the  
10                  following:

“1993. Vandalism and graffiti against mass transportation systems.

“1994. Assaults committed on mass transportation systems”.

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