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To amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit coercing protected adults to send or otherwise transmit an intimate visual depiction, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. STEVENS (for herself and Mrs. DINGELL) 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 “Justice for Allie Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF PROTECTED ADULTS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 109A of title 18, United
7 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
8 lowing:

1 **“§ 2245A. Sexual exploitation of protected adults**

2 “(a) OFFENSE.—Whoever, using the mail or any fa-
3 cility or means of interstate or foreign commerce, know-
4 ingly persuades, induces, entices, or coerces any protected
5 adult to send or otherwise transmit an intimate visual de-
6 piction (as such term is defined in section 1309 of the
7 Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022 (15 U.S.C. 6851))
8 with the intent to harm such protected adult, or attempts
9 to do so—

10 “(1) in the case of a first offense under this
11 section, shall be fined under this title, imprisoned
12 not more than 1 year, or both; or

13 “(2) in the case of a second or subsequent of-
14 fense under this section, shall be fined under this
15 title, imprisoned for not more than 2 years, or both.

16 “(b) DEFINITION.—In this section:

17 “(1) The term ‘protected adult’ means an indi-
18 vidual who is 18 years of age or older and who is
19 unable to protect themselves from abuse, neglect, or
20 exploitation at the time of offense, due to one or
21 more of the following:

22 “(A) Autism spectrum disorder (as such
23 term is defined in the most recent edition of the
24 Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental
25 Disorders, as of the date of the commission of
26 the offense).

1 “(B) Intellectual developmental disorder
2 (as such term is defined in the most recent edi-
3 tion of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of
4 Mental Disorders, as of the date of the commis-
5 sion of the offense) or an intellectual disability
6 (as such term is defined in the edition of the
7 International Classification of Diseases most re-
8 cently adopted by the Department of Health
9 and Human Services, as of the date of the com-
10 mission of the offense).

11 “(C) Cerebral palsy (as such term is de-
12 fined in the edition of the International Classi-
13 fication of Diseases most recently adopted by
14 the Department of Health and Human Services,
15 as of the date of the commission of the offense).

16 “(D) Down syndrome (as such term is de-
17 fined in the edition of the International Classi-
18 fication of Diseases most recently adopted by
19 the Department of Health and Human Services,
20 as of the date of the commission of the offense).

21 “(E) Major neurocognitive disorder (as
22 such term is defined in the most recent edition
23 of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of
24 Mental Disorders, as of the date of the commis-
25 sion of the offense).

1 “(F) Dementia or Alzheimer’s disease (as
2 such terms are defined in the edition of the
3 International Classification of Diseases most re-
4 cently adopted by the Department of Health
5 and Human Services, as of the date of the com-
6 mission of the offense).

7 “(G) Schizophrenia or another psychotic
8 disorder (as such term is defined in the most
9 recent edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical
10 Manual of Mental Disorders, as of the date of
11 the commission of the offense).

12 “(2) The term ‘harm’ means any harm, whether
13 physical, psychological, financial, or reputational
14 harm.”.

15 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
16 for chapter 109A of title 18, United States Code, is
17 amended by inserting after the item related to section
18 2245 the following:

“2245A. Sexual exploitation of protected adults.”.

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