

117TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BOOKER (for himself and Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina) introduced the  
following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

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## A BILL

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specify lynching as a hate crime act.

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 “Emmett Till  
5   Antilynching Act”.

### 6   **SEC. 2. LYNCHING; OTHER CONSPIRACIES.**

7       Section 249(a) of title 18, United States Code, is  
8   amended by adding at the end the following:

9               “(5) LYNCHING.—Whoever conspires to commit  
10       any offense under paragraph (1), (2), or (3) shall,

1       if death or serious bodily injury (as defined in sec-  
2       tion 2246 of this title) results from the offense, be  
3       imprisoned for not more than 30 years, fined in ac-  
4       cordance with this title, or both.

5           “(6) OTHER CONSPIRACIES.—Whoever con-  
6       spires to commit any offense under paragraph (1),  
7       (2), or (3) shall, if death or serious bodily injury (as  
8       defined in section 2246 of this title) results from the  
9       offense, or if the offense includes kidnapping or an  
10      attempt to kidnap, aggravated sexual abuse or an  
11      attempt to commit aggravated sexual abuse, or an  
12      attempt to kill, be imprisoned for not more than 30  
13      years, fined in accordance with this title, or both.”.