

117TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

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To amend title 18, United States Code, relating to sentencing of armed  
career criminals.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. COTTON (for himself and Mrs. BLACKBURN) introduced the following bill;  
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

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**A BILL**

To amend title 18, United States Code, relating to sentencing  
of armed career criminals.

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 “Restoring the Armed  
5 Career Criminal Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS TO THE ARMED CAREER CRIMINAL**  
7 **ACT.**

8 Section 924 of title 18, United States Code, is  
9 amended—

1           (1) in subsection (a)(2), by striking “(a)(6),  
2           (d), (g), (h), (i), (j), or (o) of section 922” and in-  
3           serting “(a)(6), (d), (h), (i), (j), or (o) of section  
4           922, or, except as provided in subsection (e) of this  
5           section, subsection (g) of section 922”; and

6           (2) by striking subsection (e) and inserting the  
7           following:

8           “(e)(1) Whoever knowingly violates section 922(g)  
9           and has 3 or more previous serious felony convictions for  
10           offenses committed on occasions different from one an-  
11           other shall be fined under this title and imprisoned not  
12           less than 15 years and not more than 30 years, and, not-  
13           withstanding any other provision of law, the court shall  
14           not suspend the sentence of, or grant a probationary sen-  
15           tence to, such person with respect to the conviction under  
16           section 922(g).

17           “(2) In this subsection—

18           “(A) the term ‘offense punishable by imprison-  
19           ment for a statutory maximum term of not less than  
20           10 years’ includes an offense (without regard to the  
21           application of any sentencing guideline, statutory  
22           criterion, or judgment that may provide for a short-  
23           er period of imprisonment within the statutory sen-  
24           tencing range) for which the statute provides for a  
25           range in the period of imprisonment that may be im-

1 posed at sentencing the maximum term of which is  
2 not less than 10 years; and

3 “(B) the term ‘serious felony conviction’  
4 means—

5 “(i) any conviction by a court referred to  
6 in section 922(g)(1) for an offense that, at the  
7 time of sentencing, was an offense punishable  
8 by imprisonment for a statutory maximum term  
9 of not less than 10 years; or

10 “(ii) any group of convictions for which a  
11 court referred to in section 922(g)(1) imposed  
12 in the same proceeding or in consolidated pro-  
13 ceedings a total term of imprisonment of not  
14 less than 10 years, regardless of how many  
15 years of that total term the defendant served in  
16 custody.”.

17 **SEC. 3. APPLICABILITY.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—The amendments made by this  
19 Act shall apply to any offense committed after the date  
20 of enactment of this Act by an individual who, on the date  
21 on which the offense is committed, has 3 or more previous  
22 serious felony convictions (as defined in subsection (e) of  
23 section 924 of title 18, United States Code, as amended  
24 by this Act).

1       (b) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—This Act and the  
2 amendments made by this Act shall not be construed to  
3 create any right to challenge a sentence imposed under  
4 subsection (e) of section 924 of title 18, United States  
5 Code.