

116TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. MERKLEY introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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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 “Correct the Census  
5 Count Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. RESIDENCE OF INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS.**

7 Section 141 of title 13, United States Code, is  
8 amended—

1           (1) by redesignating subsection (g) as sub-  
2           section (h); and

3           (2) by inserting after subsection (f) the fol-  
4           lowing:

5           “(g)(1) Effective beginning with the 2030 decennial  
6           census of population, in taking any tabulation of total pop-  
7           ulation by States under subsection (a) or (c), the Sec-  
8           retary shall, with respect to an individual incarcerated in  
9           a State or Federal correctional center as of the date on  
10          which such census is taken, attribute such individual to  
11          such individual’s last place of residence before incarcer-  
12          ation.

13          “(2) In carrying out this subsection, the Secretary  
14          shall consult with each State department of corrections  
15          and the Bureau of Prisons to collect the information nec-  
16          essary to make the determination required under para-  
17          graph (1).”.