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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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chexburger (for himself) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Senate floor.

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of*
2 *the United States of America and Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; EFFECTIVE DATE**

4 (a) **Short Title.** – This act may be cited as the “Federal Protec-
5 tive Zone Act of 2024”.

6 (b) **Effective Date.** – This act shall be effective upon passage
7 from both houses of Congress and the presidential signature.

8 **SEC. 2. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

9 (a) Any part of any act, joint resolution, memorandum, or codi-
10 fied law that conflicts with this act shall be deemed null and
11 void.

12 (b) This act shall be severable, in which if any provision of this
13 act is found unconstitutional, the rest of the act shall be in
14 full effect unless otherwise found unconstitutional.

15 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS**

- 1 (a) A “protective detail” shall be defined as an individual or set
2 of individuals, empowered by law, to enforce federal laws
3 for the purpose of maintaining the security and livelihood of
4 an individual or group of individuals as specified in law.
- 5 (b) A “protective zone” shall be defined as an area controlled by
6 a protective detail for the purpose of creating a secure and
7 regulated location.
- 8 (c) An “obstruction” shall be defined as any individual or object
9 that hinders the safe and reasonable execution of protective
10 duties.

11 **SEC. 4. ESTABLISHED ZONE**

- 12 (a) There shall be established a 150-stud radial protective zone
13 around any federal protectee.
- 14 (b) There shall be established a protective zone within any fed-
15 eral property where a federal protectee is present.
- 16 (c) There shall be established a protective zone within any prop-
17 erty owned, rented, or provided to the federal government
18 where a federal protectee is present.
- 19 (d) There shall be established a protective zone within any state
20 or municipality-owned property where a federal protectee is
21 present.
- 22 (e) There shall be established a protective zone consisting of
23 roadways and parking lots adjacent to any building or prop-
24 erty previously designated as a protective zone, including
25 sidewalks adjacent to said roadway or lot.
- 26 (f) Private residence and business properties shall be excluded
27 from the protective zone unless—
- 28 (1) The property is owned by an employee of the federal
29 government actively engaged in official duties;

(2) The property has been designated, in writing, by the property owner for usage in federal protective duties or use by the federal government at large; or

(3) The property has been commandeered by the federal government in accordance with applicable law.

SEC. 5. ENFORCEMENT

(a) Any individual who violates the provisions of this Act by knowingly entering, or remaining within, a protective zone, without proper authority or permission, shall be charged in violation of Title 18 § 1752 of the United States Code.

(b) Any individual who, in a suspicious manner, circles or otherwise scouts out an area surrounding a protective zone, without proper authority or permission, shall be charged in violation of Title 18 § 2261A of the United States Code.

(c) Any vehicle owned by a private citizen may be removed from a protective zone if left abandoned for more than five minutes and in a suspicious or hazardous location.

(d) Any vehicle may be removed from a protective zone if the presence of such a vehicle creates a reasonable threat to the protectee or the public.

(e) Any property, private or public, may be utilized by the federal government for protective purposes when there exists a credible threat to the life of a federal protectee.

(1) The property owner shall not be subject to search or removal from the property under this Act.

(2) Any individual present on the property prior to the entry of a federal protectee shall not be subject to search or removal from the property under this Act.

(f) Any individual who refuses a search of their person or property while within the protective zone is subject to removal unless—

- 1 (1) Removing the individual from the area would be in
2 violation of federal law.
- 3 (g) Any person armed with a firearm or other deadly weapon
4 may be removed from a protective zone unless–
- 5 (1) Removing the individual from the area would be in
6 violation of federal law;
- 7 (2) The individual is a federal public servant on active
8 duty; or
- 9 (3) The individual is a member of a private security de-
10 tail permitted by the department or agency tasked
11 with the execution of the protective detail.
- 12 (h) A person deemed a threat or obstruction by the department
13 or agency tasked with execution of the protective detail may
14 be removed from a protective zone unless–
- 15 (1) Removing the individual from the area would be in
16 violation of federal law.