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119TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. PETTERSEN introduced the following bill; which was 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 “Weaponization Of-  
5       fender Claims Ban Act of 2026”.

6       **SEC. 2. EXCEPTIONS.**

7       Section 2680(h) of title 28, United States Code, is  
8       amended by—

1           (1) by striking “Any claim” and inserting “(1)  
2   Any claim”;

3           (2) by inserting “subject to paragraph (2),” be-  
4   fore “with regard to acts”; and

5           (3) by adding at the end the following:

6           “(2) A private individual may only bring such  
7   a claim if such individual has not been convicted of  
8   (without regard to whether that person was par-  
9   doned or any sentence entered against that person  
10   was commuted)—

11           “(A) assault or battery against a Federal  
12   law enforcement officer;

13           “(B) an offense related to interference  
14   with the administration, certification, or count-  
15   ing of a Federal election;

16           “(C) an offense related to obstruction, in-  
17   terference, or unlawful influence over a Federal  
18   governmental process;

19           “(D) any felony offense related to any con-  
20   frontation with a Federal law enforcement offi-  
21   cer; or

22           “(E) any felony offense involving theft,  
23   embezzlement, misuse of Federal funds, ob-  
24   struction of Federal oversight or investigative

- 1 activities, or interference with appropriations or
- 2 budgetary processes.”.