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119TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

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

To amend chapter 211 of title 18, United States Code, to modify venue  
for certain offenses.

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**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Mr. SELF 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 “Venue Named Under  
5       Exception Act” or the “VENUE Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. VENUE FOR CERTAIN OFFENSES.**

7       (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 211 of title 18, United  
8       States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
9       lowing:

1 **“§ 3245. Offenses committed in the National Capital**  
2 **Region**

3 “(a) OFFENSES IN NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION.—In  
4 the case of an offense that is committed in the National  
5 Capital Region on property under the control of the Fed-  
6 eral Government, an indictment or information shall be  
7 filed in the district of the last known residence of the of-  
8 fender or of any one of two or more joint offenders, or  
9 if no such residence is known, the indictment or informa-  
10 tion may be filed in the District of Columbia.

11 “(b) TRANSFER.—

12 “(1) RIGHT TO TRANSFER.—Notwithstanding  
13 subsection (a), a district court shall, upon motion of  
14 the defendant, grant a transfer of an indictment or  
15 information to the district court encompassing the  
16 jurisdiction where the defendant is domiciled.

17 “(2) MULTIPLE DEFENDANTS.—If multiple de-  
18 fendants file a motion to transfer an indictment or  
19 information under paragraph (1), the district court  
20 shall grant the motion of the defendant who filed the  
21 motion first.

22 “(3) DEFENDANTS NOT DOMICILED IN THE  
23 UNITED STATES.—A defendant not domiciled in the  
24 United States may not file a motion to transfer an  
25 indictment or information under paragraph (1).

26 “(c) DEFINITION.—In this section:

1           “(1) The term ‘National Capital Region’ means  
2           the geographic area located within the boundaries  
3           of—

4                     “(A) the District of Columbia;

5                     “(B) Montgomery and Prince George’s  
6           Counties in the State of Maryland;

7                     “(C) Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun, and  
8           Prince William Counties and the Cities of Alex-  
9           andria and Falls Church in the Commonwealth  
10          of Virginia; and

11                    “(D) all cities and other units of govern-  
12          ment within the geographic areas of such Dis-  
13          trict, Counties, and City.

14           “(2) The term ‘property under the control of  
15          the Federal Government’ means property owned or  
16          leased by the United States, or any agency thereof,  
17          except in the case of the United States Postal Serv-  
18          ice.

19          “(d) PENDING CASES.—This section shall apply to  
20          any offense with respect to which a trial has not been  
21          scheduled as of the date of enactment of this section.

22          “(e) LIMITATION.—This section shall only apply to  
23          an offense not otherwise subject to section 3235, 3236,  
24          3237, 3238, 3239, 3241, 3242, 3243 or 3244.”.

1           (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
2 for chapter 211 of title 18, United States Code, is amend-  
3 ed by adding at the end the following:

“3245. Offenses committed in the National Capital Region.”.