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H. R. 3313

To amend title 28, United States Code, to limit Federal court jurisdiction over questions under the Defense of Marriage Act.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 16, 2003

Mr. HOSTETTLER (for himself, Mr. PENCE, Mr. SMITH of Michigan, Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey, Mr. GOODE, Mr. AKIN, Mr. GUTKNECHT, Mr. WELDON of Florida, Mr. JONES of North Carolina, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Mr. FORBES, and Mr. PAUL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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 “Marriage Protection
5 Act of 2003”.

1 **SEC. 2. LIMITATION ON JURISDICTION.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 99 of title 28, United
3 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
4 lowing:

5 **“§ 1632. Limitation on jurisdiction**

6 “No court created by Act of Congress shall have any
7 jurisdiction, and the Supreme Court shall have no appel-
8 late jurisdiction, to hear or determine any question per-
9 taining to the interpretation of section 1738e of this title
10 or of this section. Neither the Supreme Court nor any
11 court created by Act of Congress shall have any appellate
12 jurisdiction to hear or determine any question pertaining
13 to the interpretation of section 7 of title 1.”.

14 (b) AMENDMENT TO TABLE OF SECTIONS.—The
15 table of sections at the beginning of chapter 99 of title
16 28, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end
17 the following new item:

“1632. Limitation on jurisdiction.”.

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