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SENATE, February 2, 1865.—Read first time and ordered to be printed.

[By Mr. SEYMES, from the Committee on the Judiciary.]

A BILL

To amend An Act entitled "An Act to prevent the procuring, aiding and assisting persons to desert from the army of the Confederate States, and for other purposes," approved January 22, 1864.

1 *The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact,*
2 That in all prosecutions for aiding or assisting any deserter
3 from the army to evade his proper commander or to prevent his
4 arrest to be returned to the service, or knowingly concealing
5 or harboring any such deserter, under the provisions of an Act
6 to prevent the procuring, aiding and assisting persons to desert
7 from the army of the Confederate States, and for other pur-
8 poses, approved January 22, 1864, when the fact is proved that
9 the person aided or assisted or concealed or harbored is a sol-
10 dier or officer in the military service of the Confederate States,
11 general representation that such soldier or officer is a deserter,
12 shall be taken as *prima facie* evidence of the fact of desertion.

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