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# H. R. 2052

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 28, 2015

Mr. JEFFRIES (for himself, Ms. BASS, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. MEEKS, Mr. RICHMOND, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. NORTON, Mr. CLAY, Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mr. HASTINGS, Ms. FUDGE, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mr. LEWIS, Ms. SEWELL of Alabama, Ms. LEE, Mr. SERRANO, and Mr. PAYNE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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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 “Excessive Use of Force  
5 Prevention Act of 2015”.

1 **SEC. 2. CHOKEHOLDS AS CIVIL RIGHTS VIOLATIONS.**

2 Section 242 of title 18, United States Code, is  
3 amended by adding at the end the following: “For the pur-  
4 poses of this section, the application of any pressure to  
5 the throat or windpipe which may prevent or hinder  
6 breathing or reduce intake of air is a punishment, pain,  
7 or penalty”.

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