

## Union Calendar No. 69

115<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 115

[Report No. 115–116]

To amend title 18, United States Code, to provide additional aggravating factors for the imposition of the death penalty based on the status of the victim.

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### IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 3, 2017

Mr. BUCHANAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

MAY 11, 2017

Additional sponsors: Mr. GAETZ, Mr. PALAZZO, Mr. CONAWAY, Mr. BARLETTA, Mr. RUSSELL, Mr. ROHRBACHER, Mr. POSEY, Mr. BABIN, Mr. REED, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. MCKINLEY, Mr. MAST, Mr. KATKO, Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. FARENTHOLD, Mr. AMODEI, Mr. ROGERS of Alabama, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. MCCAUL, and Mr. POE of Texas

MAY 11, 2017

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italics]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on January 3, 2017]

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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 “Thin Blue Line Act”.*

5 **SEC. 2. AGGRAVATING FACTORS FOR DEATH PENALTY.**

6        *Section 3592(c) of title 18, United States Code, is*  
7 *amended by inserting after paragraph (16) the following:*

8                *“(17) KILLING OR TARGETING OF LAW ENFORCE-*  
9 *MENT OFFICER.—*

10                *“(A) The defendant killed or attempted to*  
11 *kill, in the circumstance described in subpara-*  
12 *graph (B), a person who is authorized by law—*

13                        *“(i) to engage in or supervise the pre-*  
14 *vention, detention, investigation, or prosecu-*  
15 *tion, or the incarceration of any person for*  
16 *any criminal violation of law;*

17                        *“(ii) to apprehend, arrest, or prosecute*  
18 *an individual for any criminal violation of*  
19 *law; or*

20                        *“(iii) to be a firefighter or other first*  
21 *responder.*

22                *“(B) The circumstance referred to in sub-*  
23 *paragraph (A) is that the person was killed or*  
24 *targeted—*

1                   “(i) while he or she was engaged in the  
2                   performance of his or her official duties;

3                   “(ii) because of the performance of his  
4                   or her official duties; or

5                   “(iii) because of his or her status as a  
6                   public official or employee.”.



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