

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1347

To amend section 242 of title 18, United States Code, to forbid the use of chokeholds by persons subject to that provision's prohibitions, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 25, 2021

Mr. JEFFRIES (for himself, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Mrs. BEATTY, Mr. BEYER, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Mr. CARSON, Mr. CICILLINE, Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. DEGETTE, Mrs. DEMINGS, Ms. ESCOBAR, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. HORSFORD, Ms. JAYAPAL, Ms. JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. KEATING, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York, Mr. MEEKS, Ms. MENG, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Ms. NORTON, Mr. POCAN, Miss RICE of New York, Mr. RUSH, Ms. SÁNCHEZ, Ms. SCANLON, Ms. SCHA-KOWSKY, Ms. SEWELL, Mr. SUOZZI, Mr. SWALWELL, Mr. TRONE, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. WELCH, Mr. KIM of New Jersey, Mr. LIEU, Mr. NEGUSE, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. CROW, Mr. JONES, Mr. SCHNEIDER, Mrs. TRAHAN, Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. COHEN, Mr. DEUTCH, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. AGUILAR, Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. HASTINGS, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. BROWN, Mr. CASTEN, Mr. MCNERNEY, Mr. RASKIN, Ms. BASS, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Ms. NEWMAN, Mrs. MCBATH, Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida, Mr. SOTO, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Mr. COURTNEY, Mrs. HAYES, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Ms. BOURDEAUX, Mr. QUIGLEY, and Mr. MRVAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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forbid the use of chokeholds by persons subject to that provision’s prohibitions, and for other purposes.

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 “Eric Garner Excessive
5 Use of Force Prevention Act of 2021”.

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

7 Section 242 of title 18, United States Code, is
8 amended by adding at the end the following: “For the pur-
9 poses of this section, the application of any pressure to
10 the throat or windpipe, use of maneuvers that restrict
11 blood or oxygen flow to the brain, or carotid artery re-
12 straints which prevent or hinder breathing or reduce in-
13 take of air is a punishment, pain, or penalty.”.

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