

Union Calendar No. 279

119TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 5172

[Report No. 119–326]

To increase the mandatory minimum sentences applicable to certain crimes
in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 8, 2025

Mr. BIGGS of Arizona (for himself and Mr. DONALDS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

OCTOBER 3, 2025

Additional sponsor: Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on September 8, 2025]

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 “Strong Sentences for*
 5 *Safer D.C. Streets Act of 2025”.*

6 **SEC. 2. INCREASE IN MANDATORY MINIMUM SENTENCES**
 7 **FOR CERTAIN CRIMES IN DISTRICT OF CO-**
 8 **LUMBIA.**

9 *(a) FIRST DEGREE MURDER.—*

10 *(1) MANDATORY LIFE IMPRISONMENT.—Section*
 11 *801 of the Act to establish a code of law for the Dis-*
 12 *trict of Columbia, approved March 3, 1901 (sec. 22–*
 13 *2104, D.C. Official Code) is amended—*

14 *(A) in subsection (a), by striking “not less*
 15 *than 30 years” and all that follows and insert-*
 16 *ing “life imprisonment without release.”; and*

17 *(B) by striking subsection (b).*

18 *(2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT RELATING TO SEN-*
 19 *TENCING PROCEDURE.—Section 801a of the Act to es-*
 20 *tablish a code of law for the District of Columbia, ap-*
 21 *proved March 3, 1901 (sec. 22–2104.01, D.C. Official*
 22 *Code) is repealed.*

23 *(3) CONFORMING AMENDMENT RELATING TO CON-*
 24 *DITIONS FOR IMPOSITION OF SENTENCE IN EXCESS OF*
 25 *60 YEARS.—Section 3a(b–2)(1) of the Act to establish*

1 *a Board of Indeterminate Sentence and Parole for the*
 2 *District of Columbia and to determine its functions,*
 3 *and for other purposes, approved July 15, 1932 (sec.*
 4 *24-403.01(b-2)(1), D.C. Official Code) is amended by*
 5 *striking “in excess of 60 years for first degree murder*
 6 *or first degree murder while armed,”.*

7 *(b) SECOND DEGREE MURDER.—Section 801(c) of the*
 8 *Act to establish a code of law for the District of Columbia,*
 9 *approved March 3, 1901 (sec. 22-2104(c), D.C. Official*
 10 *Code) is amended by striking “not more than life” and in-*
 11 *serting “not less than 10 years or more than life”.*

12 *(c) RAPE AND FIRST DEGREE SEXUAL ABUSE.—*

13 *(1) MANDATORY MINIMUM FOR RAPE.—Section*
 14 *3(b) of the Act to establish a Board of Indeterminate*
 15 *Sentence and Parole for the District of Columbia and*
 16 *to determine its functions, and for other purposes, ap-*
 17 *proved July 15, 1932 (sec. 24-403(b), D.C. Official*
 18 *Code) is amended by striking “shall not be less than*
 19 *7 years if the violation occurs after the person has*
 20 *been convicted in the District of Columbia or else-*
 21 *where of a crime of violence, as so defined” and in-*
 22 *serting “shall be not less than 25 years or, if the vio-*
 23 *lation occurs after the person has been convicted in*
 24 *the District of Columbia or elsewhere of a crime of vi-*
 25 *olence, as so defined, shall be not less than 30 years”.*

1 (2) *MANDATORY MINIMUM FOR FIRST DEGREE*
 2 *SEXUAL ABUSE.*—Section 201(a) of the Anti-Sexual
 3 Abuse Act of 1994 (sec. 22–3002(a), D.C. Official
 4 Code) is amended by striking “for any term of years
 5 or for life” and inserting “for a term of not less than
 6 25 years or more than life”.

7 (3) *REMOVAL OF REQUIREMENT OF AGGRA-*
 8 *VATING CIRCUMSTANCES FOR IMPOSITION OF SEN-*
 9 *TENCE IN EXCESS OF 30 YEARS.*—Section 201(b) of
 10 the Anti-Sexual Abuse Act of 1994 (sec. 22–3002(b),
 11 D.C. Official Code) is amended by striking “The court
 12 may impose” and inserting “Except in the case of a
 13 sentence imposed under subsection (a) or imposed on
 14 a person convicted of rape pursuant to section 3(b) of
 15 the Act to establish a Board of Indeterminate Sen-
 16 tence and Parole for the District of Columbia and to
 17 determine its functions, and for other purposes, ap-
 18 proved July 15, 1932, the court may impose”.

19 (d) *KIDNAPING.*—Section 812 of the Act to establish
 20 a code of law for the District of Columbia, approved March
 21 3, 1901 (sec. 22–2001, D.C. Official Code) is amended by
 22 striking “not more than 30 years” and inserting “not less
 23 than 10 years or more than 30 years”.

24 (e) *CAR JACKING.*—

1 (1) *UNARMED.*—Section 811a(a)(2) of the Act to
2 *establish a code of law for the District of Columbia,*
3 *approved March 3, 1901 (sec. 22–2803(a)(2), D.C. Of-*
4 *ficial Code) is amended by striking “not less than 7*
5 *years” and inserting “not less than 10 years”.*

6 (2) *ARMED.*—Section 811a(b)(2) of such Act (sec.
7 22–2803(b)(2), *D.C. Official Code*) is amended by
8 striking “not less than 15 years” and inserting “not
9 less than 20 years”.

10 (f) *FIRST DEGREE BURGLARY.*—Section 823(a) of the
11 *Act to establish a code of law for the District of Columbia,*
12 *approved March 3, 1901 (sec. 22–801(a), D.C. Official*
13 *Code) is amended by striking “not less than 5 years” and*
14 *inserting “not less than 10 years”.*

15 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

16 *This Act, and the amendments made by this Act, shall*
17 *apply with respect to criminal conduct that occurred after*
18 *the date of the enactment of this Act.*

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