

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 5172
OFFERED BY MR. COMER OF KENTUCKY

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “Strong Sentences for
3 Safer D.C. Streets Act of 2025”.

4 SEC. 2. INCREASE IN MANDATORY MINIMUM SENTENCES
5 FOR CERTAIN CRIMES IN DISTRICT OF CO-
6 LUMBIA.

7 (a) FIRST DEGREE MURDER.—

8 (1) MANDATORY LIFE IMPRISONMENT.—Section
9 801 of the Act to establish a code of law for the Dis-
10 trict of Columbia, approved March 3, 1901 (sec. 22–
11 2104, D.C. Official Code) is amended—

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

15 (B) by striking subsection (b).

16 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT RELATING TO
17 SENTENCING PROCEDURE.—Section 801a of the Act
18 to establish a code of law for the District of Colum-

1 bia, approved March 3, 1901 (sec. 22–2104.01, D.C.
2 Official Code) is repealed.

3 (3) CONFORMING AMENDMENT RELATING TO
4 CONDITIONS FOR IMPOSITION OF SENTENCE IN EX-
5 CESS OF 60 YEARS.—Section 3a(b–2)(1) of the Act
6 to establish a Board of Indeterminate Sentence and
7 Parole for the District of Columbia and to determine
8 its functions, and for other purposes, approved July
9 15, 1932 (sec. 24–403.01(b–2)(1), D.C. Official
10 Code) is amended by striking “in excess of 60 years
11 for first degree murder or first degree murder while
12 armed,”.

13 (b) SECOND DEGREE MURDER.—Section 801(c) of
14 the Act to establish a code of law for the District of Co-
15 lumbia, approved March 3, 1901 (sec. 22–2104(c), D.C.
16 Official Code) is amended by striking “not more than life”
17 and inserting “not less than 10 years or more than life”.

18 (c) RAPE AND FIRST DEGREE SEXUAL ABUSE.—Sec-
19 tion 801a of the Act to establish a code of law for the
20 District of Columbia, approved March 3, 1901 (sec. 22–
21 2104.01, D.C. Official Code) is repealed.

22 (1) MANDATORY MINIMUM FOR RAPE.—Section
23 3(b) of the Act to establish a Board of Indetermi-
24 nate Sentence and Parole for the District of Colum-
25 bia and to determine its functions, and for other

1 purposes, approved July 15, 1932 (sec. 24–403(b),
2 D.C. Official Code) is amended by striking “shall
3 not be less than 7 years if the violation occurs after
4 the person has been convicted in the District of Co-
5 lumbia or elsewhere of a crime of violence, as so de-
6 fined” and inserting “shall be not less than 25 years
7 or, if the violation occurs after the person has been
8 convicted in the District of Columbia or elsewhere of
9 a crime of violence, as so defined, shall be not less
10 than 30 years”.

11 (2) MANDATORY MINIMUM FOR FIRST DEGREE
12 SEXUAL ABUSE.—Section 201(a) of the Anti-Sexual
13 Abuse Act of 1994 (sec. 22–3002(a), D.C. Official
14 Code) is amended by striking “for any term of years
15 or life” and inserting “for a term of not less than
16 25 years or more than life”.

17 (3) REMOVAL OF REQUIREMENT OF AGGRA-
18 VATING CIRCUMSTANCES FOR IMPOSITION OF SEN-
19 TENCE IN EXCESS OF 30 YEARS.—Section 201(b) of
20 the Anti-Sexual Abuse Act of 1994 (sec. 22–
21 3002(b), D.C. Official Code) is amended by striking
22 “The court may impose” and inserting “Except in
23 the case of a sentence imposed under subsection (a)
24 or imposed on a person convicted of rape pursuant
25 to section 3(b) of the Act to establish a Board of In-

1 determinate Sentence and Parole for the District of
2 Columbia and to determine its functions, and for
3 other purposes, approved July 15, 1932, the court
4 may impose”.

5 (d) KIDNAPING.—Section 812 of the Act to establish
6 a code of law for the District of Columbia, approved
7 March 3, 1901 (sec. 22–2001, D.C. Official Code) is
8 amended by striking “not more than 30 years” and insert-
9 ing “not less than 10 years or more than 30 years”.

10 (e) CAR JACKING.—

11 (1) UNARMED.—Section 811a(a)(2) of the Act
12 to establish a code of law for the District of Colum-
13 bia, approved March 3, 1901 (sec. 22–2803(a)(2),
14 D.C. Official Code) is amended by striking “not less
15 than 7 years” and inserting “not less than 10
16 years”.

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

21 (f) FIRST DEGREE BURGLARY.—Section 823(a) of
22 the Act to establish a code of law for the District of Co-
23 lumbia, approved March 3, 1901 (sec. 22–801(a), D.C.
24 Official Code) is amended by striking “not less than 5
25 years” and inserting “not less than 10 years”.

1 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2 This Act, and the amendments made by this Act,
3 shall apply with respect to criminal conduct that occurred
4 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

