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H. R. 1175

To establish an Oleoresin Capsicum Spray Pilot Program in the Bureau of Prisons, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 17, 2011

Mr. CARDOZA (for himself, Mr. COSTA, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, and Mr. CRITZ) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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 “Oleoresin Capsicum
5 Spray Pilot Program Act of 2011”.

6 **SEC. 2. OLEORESIN CAPSICUM SPRAY PILOT PROGRAM.**

7 (a) PILOT PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.—The Director of
8 the Federal Bureau of Prisons shall conduct a pilot pro-
9 gram to determine the effectiveness of the routine issuance
10 of Oleoresin Capsicum spray to staff.

1 (b) SCOPE OF PILOT PROGRAM.—The Director of the
2 Federal Bureau of Prisons shall have the discretion to—

3 (1) select the specific Bureau of Prisons institu-
4 tion or institutions participating in the pilot pro-
5 gram;

6 (2) determine the length (but not to exceed 2
7 years) of the pilot program;

8 (3) select the type of Oleoresin Capsicum spray
9 device utilized in the pilot program; and

10 (4) determine which Bureau of Prisons staff
11 will be authorized to participate in the pilot pro-
12 gram.

13 (c) REQUIREMENTS SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY OF
14 APPROPRIATIONS.—The requirements of this section are
15 subject to the availability of appropriations.

16 (d) GAO REPORT.—The Government Accountability
17 Office shall, not later than six months after the end of
18 the pilot program, report to Congress an evaluation of the
19 effects of the pilot program and provide any research and
20 analysis that Office determines appropriate on tools to im-
21 prove officer safety in Federal prisons.

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