

Calendar No. 238

117TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION**S. 3458**

To amend title 18, United States Code, to provide enhanced penalties for convicted murderers who kill or target America’s public safety officers.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 10, 2022

Mr. TOOMEY (for himself, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. COTTON, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. BRAUN, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. INHOFE, Ms. ERNST, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. THUNE, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. ROUNDS, and Mr. TUBERVILLE) introduced the following bill; which was read the first time

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Read the second time and placed on the calendar

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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”.

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

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3592(c) of title 18,
3 United States Code, is amended by inserting after para-
4 graph (16) the following:

5 “(17) KILLING OR TARGETING OF LAW EN-
6 FORCEMENT OFFICER.—

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

10 “(i) to engage in or supervise the pre-
11 vention, detention, investigation, or pros-
12 ecution, or the incarceration of any person
13 for any criminal violation of law;

14 “(ii) to apprehend, arrest, or pros-
15 ecute an individual for any criminal viola-
16 tion of law; or

17 “(iii) to be a firefighter or other first
18 responder.

19 “(B) The circumstance referred to in sub-
20 paragraph (A) is that the person was killed or
21 targeted—

22 “(i) while he or she was engaged in
23 the performance of his or her official du-
24 ties;

25 “(ii) because of the performance of his
26 or her official duties; or

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

3 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
4 subsection (a) shall take effect on the date that is 30 days
5 after the date of enactment of this Act.

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