

115TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 115

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 22, 2017

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

AN ACT

To amend title 18, United States Code, to provide additional aggravating factors for the imposition of the death penalty based on the status of the victim.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Thin Blue Line Act”.

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

4 Section 3592(c) of title 18, United States Code, is
5 amended by inserting after paragraph (16) the following:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 “(ii) because of the performance of his
2 or her official duties; or

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

Passed the House of Representatives May 18, 2017.

Attest: KAREN L. HAAS,
Clerk.