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**RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 115–17**  
**TEXT OF H.R. 115, THIN BLUE LINE ACT**

**[Showing the text of H.R. 115 as ordered reported by the  
Committee on the Judiciary]**

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.

1           “(B) The circumstance referred to in sub-  
2 paragraph (A) is that the person was killed or  
3 targeted—

4           “(i) while he or she was engaged in  
5 the performance of his or her official du-  
6 ties;

7           “(ii) because of the performance of his  
8 or her official duties; or

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

