

119TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana introduced the following bill; which was referred  
to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**A BILL**

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District of Columbia to engage in vehicular pursuits of  
suspects, and for other purposes.

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 “District of Columbia  
5       Policing Protection Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. VEHICULAR PURSUITS BY LAW ENFORCEMENT OF-**  
7       **FICERS IN DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.**

8       (a) AMENDMENT.—The Comprehensive Policing and  
9       Justice Reform Amendment Act of 2022 (D.C. Law 24—  
10      345) is amended—

1 (1) in subtitle S of title I—

2 (A) in the heading, by striking “**LIMITA-**  
3 **TIONS ON THE**”;

4 (B) in section 127(a) (sec. 5–365.01(a),  
5 D.C. Official Code)—

6 (i) by striking paragraphs (1) through  
7 (5);

8 (ii) by redesignating paragraphs (6)  
9 and (7) as paragraphs (1) and (2), respec-  
10 tively;

11 (iii) by striking paragraphs (8)  
12 through (11); and

13 (iv) by redesignating paragraph (12)  
14 as paragraph (3); and

15 (C) in section 128 (sec. 5–365.02, D.C.  
16 Official Code), by striking subsections (a), (b),  
17 and (c) and inserting the following:

18 “If a law enforcement officer encounters a suspect  
19 fleeing in a motor vehicle, the officer shall engage in a  
20 vehicular pursuit of the suspect unless the officer, or a  
21 higher-ranking official with supervisory authority over the  
22 officer, reasonably believes that—

23 “(1) vehicular pursuit would—

24 “(A) entail an unacceptable risk of harm  
25 to a person other than the suspect; or

1 “(B) be futile; or

2 “(2) the suspect can be apprehended more ef-  
3 fectively or expeditiously by a means other than ve-  
4 hicular pursuit.”; and

5 (2) in the table of contents, by striking the item  
6 relating to subtitle S of title I and inserting the fol-  
7 lowing:

**“SUBTITLE S. USE OF VEHICULAR PURSUITS BY LAW  
ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS ..... 33”.**

8 (b) DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE REPORT ON  
9 PURSUITALERT.—Not later than 3 years after the date  
10 of enactment of this Act, the Attorney General shall—

11 (1) evaluate the costs and benefits of the Met-  
12 ropolitan Police Department of the District of Co-  
13 lumbia adopting PursuitAlert or another similar  
14 technology capable of alerting members of the public  
15 to the presence of a police pursuit in their imme-  
16 diate vicinity; and

17 (2) publish a report on the evaluation con-  
18 ducted under paragraph (1) and submit the report  
19 to—

20 (A) the Committee on Homeland Security  
21 and Governmental Affairs of the Senate;

22 (B) the Committee on the Judiciary of the  
23 Senate;

- 1 (C) the Committee on Oversight of the
- 2 House of Representatives; and
- 3 (D) the Committee on the Judiciary of the
- 4 House of Representatives.