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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.”.

