

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 5143

AN ACT

To establish standards for law enforcement officers in the 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “District of Columbia
3 Policing Protection Act of 2025”.

4 **SEC. 2. VEHICULAR PURSUITS BY LAW ENFORCEMENT OF-**
5 **FICERS IN DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.**

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

9 (1) in subtitle S of title I—

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

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

14 (i) by striking paragraphs (1) through
15 (5);

16 (ii) in paragraph (6), by striking the
17 period at the end and inserting the fol-
18 lowing: “, except that such term does not
19 include a sworn federal law enforcement
20 officer of a covered federal law enforce-
21 ment agency as defined in section
22 11712(d) of the National Capital Revital-
23 ization and Self-Government Improvement
24 Act of 1997 (sec. 5–133.17(d), D.C. Offi-
25 cial Code).”;

1 (iii) by redesignating paragraphs (6)
2 and (7) as paragraphs (1) and (2), respec-
3 tively;

4 (iv) by striking paragraphs (8)
5 through (11); and

6 (v) by redesignating paragraph (12)
7 as paragraph (3); and

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

11 “If a law enforcement officer encounters a suspect
12 fleeing in a motor vehicle, the officer may engage in a ve-
13 hicular pursuit of the suspect unless the officer, or a high-
14 er-ranking official with supervisory authority over the offi-
15 cer, reasonably believes that—

16 “(1) vehicular pursuit would—

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

19 “(B) be futile; or

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

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

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

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

4 (1) evaluate the costs and benefits of the Met-
5 ropolitan Police Department of the District of Co-
6 lumbia adopting PursuitAlert or another similar
7 technology capable of alerting members of the public
8 to the presence of a police pursuit in their imme-
9 diate vicinity; and

10 (2) publish a report on the evaluation con-
11 ducted under paragraph (1) and submit the report
12 to—

13 (A) the Committee on Homeland Security
14 and Governmental Affairs of the Senate;

15 (B) the Committee on the Judiciary of the
16 Senate;

17 (C) the Committee on Oversight and Gov-
18 ernment Reform of the House of Representa-
19 tives; and

1 (D) the Committee on the Judiciary of the
2 House of Representatives.

Passed the House of Representatives September 17,
2025.

Attest:

Clerk.

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