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H. R. 5143

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana (for himself and Mr. DONALDS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

A BILL

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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”.

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

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

6 (1) in subtitle S of title I—

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

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

11 (i) by striking paragraphs (1) through
12 (5);

13 (ii) by redesignating paragraphs (6)
14 and (7) as paragraphs (1) and (2), respec-
15 tively;

16 (iii) by striking paragraphs (8)
17 through (11); and

18 (iv) by redesignating paragraph (12)
19 as paragraph (3); and

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

23 “If a law enforcement officer encounters a suspect
24 fleeing in a motor vehicle, the officer shall engage in a
25 vehicular pursuit of the suspect unless the officer, or a

1 higher-ranking official with supervisory authority over the
 2 officer, reasonably believes that—

3 “(1) vehicular pursuit would—

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

6 “(B) be futile; or

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

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

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

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

16 (1) evaluate the costs and benefits of the Met-
 17 ropolitan Police Department of the District of Co-
 18 lumbia adopting PursuitAlert or another similar
 19 technology capable of alerting members of the public
 20 to the presence of a police pursuit in their imme-
 21 diate vicinity; and

22 (2) publish a report on the evaluation con-
 23 ducted under paragraph (1) and submit the report
 24 to—

1 (A) the Committee on Homeland Security
2 and Governmental Affairs of the Senate;

3 (B) the Committee on the Judiciary of the
4 Senate;

5 (C) the Committee on Oversight of the
6 House of Representatives; and

7 (D) the Committee on the Judiciary of the
8 House of Representatives.

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