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H. R. 5172

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in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BIGGS of Arizona (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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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 “Strong Sentences for
5 Safer D.C. Streets Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. INCREASE IN MANDATORY MINIMUM SENTENCES**

7 **FOR CERTAIN CRIMES IN DISTRICT OF CO-**
8 **LUMBIA.**

9 (a) **FIRST DEGREE MURDER.—**

1 (1) MANDATORY LIFE IMPRISONMENT.—Section
2 801 of the Act to establish a code of law for the Dis-
3 trict of Columbia, approved March 3, 1901 (sec. 22–
4 2104, D.C. Official Code) is amended—

5 (A) in subsection (a), by striking “not less
6 than 30 years” and all that follows and insert-
7 ing “life imprisonment without release.”; and

8 (B) by striking subsection (b).

9 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT RELATING TO
10 SENTENCING PROCEDURE.—Section 801a of the Act
11 to establish a code of law for the District of Colum-
12 bia, approved March 3, 1901 (sec. 22–2104.01, D.C.
13 Official Code) is repealed.

14 (3) CONFORMING AMENDMENT RELATING TO
15 CONDITIONS FOR IMPOSITION OF SENTENCE IN EX-
16 CESS OF 60 YEARS.—Section 3a(b–2)(1) of the Act
17 to establish a Board of Indeterminate Sentence and
18 Parole for the District of Columbia and to determine
19 its functions, and for other purposes, approved July
20 15, 1932 (sec. 24–403.01(b–2)(1), D.C. Official
21 Code) is amended by striking “in excess of 60 years
22 for first degree murder or first degree murder while
23 armed,”.

24 (b) SECOND DEGREE MURDER.—Section 801(c) of
25 the Act to establish a code of law for the District of Co-

1 lumbia, approved March 3, 1901 (sec. 22–2104(c), D.C.
2 Official Code) is amended by striking “not more than life”
3 and inserting “not less than 10 years or more than life”.

4 (c) RAPE AND FIRST DEGREE SEXUAL ABUSE.—Sec-
5 tion 801a of the Act to establish a code of law for the
6 District of Columbia, approved March 3, 1901 (sec. 22–
7 2104.01, D.C. Official Code) is repealed.

8 (1) MANDATORY MINIMUM FOR RAPE.—Section
9 3(b) of the Act to establish a Board of Indetermi-
10 nate Sentence and Parole for the District of Colum-
11 bia and to determine its functions, and for other
12 purposes, approved July 15, 1932 (sec. 24–403(b),
13 D.C. Official Code) is amended by striking “shall
14 not be less than 7 years if the violation occurs after
15 the person has been convicted in the District of Co-
16 lumbia or elsewhere of a crime of violence, as so de-
17 fined” and inserting “shall be not less than 25 years
18 or, if the violation occurs after the person has been
19 convicted in the District of Columbia or elsewhere of
20 a crime of violence, as so defined, shall be not less
21 than 30 years”.

22 (2) MANDATORY MINIMUM FOR FIRST DEGREE
23 SEXUAL ABUSE.—Section 201(a) of the Anti-Sexual
24 Abuse Act of 1994 (sec. 22–3002(a), D.C. Official
25 Code) is amended by striking “for any term of years

1 or life” and inserting “for a term of not less than
2 25 years or more than life”.

3 (3) REMOVAL OF REQUIREMENT OF AGGRA-
4 VATING CIRCUMSTANCES FOR IMPOSITION OF SEN-
5 TENCE IN EXCESS OF 30 YEARS.—Section 201(b) of
6 the Anti-Sexual Abuse Act of 1994 (sec. 22–
7 3002(b), D.C. Official Code) is amended by striking
8 “The court may impose” and inserting “Except in
9 the case of a sentence imposed under subsection (a)
10 or imposed on a person convicted of rape pursuant
11 to section 3(b) of the Act to establish a Board of In-
12 determinate Sentence and Parole for the District of
13 Columbia and to determine its functions, and for
14 other purposes, approved July 15, 1932, the court
15 may impose”.

16 (d) KIDNAPING.—Section 812 of the Act to establish
17 a code of law for the District of Columbia, approved
18 March 3, 1901 (sec. 22–2001, D.C. Official Code) is
19 amended by striking “not more than 30 years” and insert-
20 ing “not less than 10 years or more than 30 years”.

21 (e) CAR JACKING.—

22 (1) UNARMED.—Section 811a(a)(2) of the Act
23 to establish a code of law for the District of Colum-
24 bia, approved March 3, 1901 (sec. 22–2803(a)(2),
25 D.C. Official Code) is amended by striking “not less

1 than 7 years” and inserting “not less than 10
2 years”.

3 (2) ARMED.—Section 811a(b)(2) of such Act
4 (sec. 22–2803(b)(2), D.C. Official Code) is amended
5 by striking “not less than 15 years” and inserting
6 “not less than 20 years”.

7 (f) FIRST DEGREE BURGLARY.—Section 823(a) of
8 the Act to establish a code of law for the District of Co-
9 lumbia, approved March 3, 1901 (sec. 22–801(a), D.C.
10 Official Code) is amended by striking “not less than 5
11 years” and inserting “not less than 10 years”.

12 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

13 This Act and the amendments made by this Act shall
14 apply with respect to individuals charged on or after the
15 date of the enactment of this Act with an offense to which
16 such an amendment applies.

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