

# Union Calendar No. 279

119<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 5172

[Report No. 119-326]

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 8, 2025

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

OCTOBER 3, 2025

Additional sponsor: Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on September 8, 2025]

# **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 “Strong Sentences for*  
5 *Safer D.C. Streets Act of 2025”.*

6 **SEC. 2. INCREASE IN MANDATORY MINIMUM SENTENCES**  
7 **FOR CERTAIN CRIMES IN DISTRICT OF CO-**  
8 **LUMBIA.**

9 *(a) FIRST DEGREE MURDER.—*

10 *(1) MANDATORY LIFE IMPRISONMENT.—Section*  
11 *801 of the Act to establish a code of law for the Dis-*  
12 *trict of Columbia, approved March 3, 1901 (sec. 22–*  
13 *2104, D.C. Official Code) is amended—*

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

17 *(B) by striking subsection (b).*

18 *(2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT RELATING TO SEN-*  
19 *TENCING PROCEDURE.—Section 801a of the Act to es-*  
20 *tablish a code of law for the District of Columbia, ap-*  
21 *proved March 3, 1901 (sec. 22–2104.01, D.C. Official*  
22 *Code) is repealed.*

23 *(3) CONFORMING AMENDMENT RELATING TO CON-*  
24 *DITIONS FOR IMPOSITION OF SENTENCE IN EXCESS OF*  
25 *60 YEARS.—Section 3a(b–2)(1) of the Act to establish*

1        *a Board of Indeterminate Sentence and Parole for the*  
2        *District of Columbia and to determine its functions,*  
3        *and for other purposes, approved July 15, 1932 (sec.*  
4        *24-403.01(b-2)(1), D.C. Official Code) is amended by*  
5        *striking “in excess of 60 years for first degree murder*  
6        *or first degree murder while armed,”.*

7        *(b) SECOND DEGREE MURDER.—Section 801(c) of the*  
8        *Act to establish a code of law for the District of Columbia,*  
9        *approved March 3, 1901 (sec. 22-2104(c), D.C. Official*  
10       *Code) is amended by striking “not more than life” and in-*  
11       *serting “not less than 10 years or more than life”.*

12       *(c) RAPE AND FIRST DEGREE SEXUAL ABUSE.—*

13                *(1) MANDATORY MINIMUM FOR RAPE.—Section*  
14        *3(b) of the Act to establish a Board of Indeterminate*  
15        *Sentence and Parole for the District of Columbia and*  
16        *to determine its functions, and for other purposes, ap-*  
17        *proved July 15, 1932 (sec. 24-403(b), D.C. Official*  
18        *Code) is amended by striking “shall not be less than*  
19        *7 years if the violation occurs after the person has*  
20        *been convicted in the District of Columbia or else-*  
21        *where of a crime of violence, as so defined” and in-*  
22        *serting “shall be not less than 25 years or, if the vio-*  
23        *lation occurs after the person has been convicted in*  
24        *the District of Columbia or elsewhere of a crime of vi-*  
25        *olence, as so defined, shall be not less than 30 years”.*

1           (2) *MANDATORY MINIMUM FOR FIRST DEGREE*  
2           *SEXUAL ABUSE.*—Section 201(a) of the *Anti-Sexual*  
3           *Abuse Act of 1994 (sec. 22–3002(a), D.C. Official*  
4           *Code) is amended by striking “for any term of years*  
5           *or for life” and inserting “for a term of not less than*  
6           *25 years or more than life”.*

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

19          (d) *KIDNAPING.*—Section 812 of the *Act to establish*  
20          *a code of law for the District of Columbia, approved March*  
21          *3, 1901 (sec. 22–2001, D.C. Official Code) is amended by*  
22          *striking “not more than 30 years” and inserting “not less*  
23          *than 10 years or more than 30 years”.*

24          (e) *CAR JACKING.*—

1           (1) *UNARMED.*—Section 811a(a)(2) of the Act to  
2           *establish a code of law for the District of Columbia,*  
3           *approved March 3, 1901 (sec. 22–2803(a)(2), D.C. Of-*  
4           *ficial Code) is amended by striking “not less than 7*  
5           *years” and inserting “not less than 10 years”.*

6           (2) *ARMED.*—Section 811a(b)(2) of such Act (sec.  
7           22–2803(b)(2), *D.C. Official Code) is amended by*  
8           *striking “not less than 15 years” and inserting “not*  
9           *less than 20 years”.*

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

15          **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

16          *This Act, and the amendments made by this Act, shall*  
17          *apply with respect to criminal conduct that occurred after*  
18          *the date of the enactment of this Act.*



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