

## 116TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION

## H. R. 99

To amend title 18, United States Code, to provide additional aggravating factors for the imposition of the death penalty based on the status of the victim.

## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

January 3, 2019

Mr. Buchanan introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

## 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.
- This Act may be cited as the "Thin Blue Line Act".
- 5 SEC. 2. AGGRAVATING FACTORS FOR DEATH PENALTY.
- 6 Section 3592(c) of title 18, United States Code, is
- 7 amended by inserting after paragraph (16) the following:
- 8 "(17) KILLING OR TARGETING OF LAW EN-
- 9 FORCEMENT OFFICER.—

1	"(A) The defendant killed or attempted to
2	kill, in the circumstance described in subpara-
3	graph (B), a person who is authorized by law—
4	"(i) to engage in or supervise the pre-
5	vention, detention, investigation, or pros-
6	ecution, or the incarceration of any person
7	for any criminal violation of law;
8	"(ii) to apprehend, arrest, or pros-
9	ecute an individual for any criminal viola-
10	tion of law; or
11	"(iii) to be a firefighter or other first
12	responder.
13	"(B) The circumstance referred to in sub-
14	paragraph (A) is that the person was killed or
15	targeted—
16	"(i) while he or she was engaged in
17	the performance of his or her official du-
18	ties;
19	"(ii) because of the performance of his
20	or her official duties; or
21	"(iii) because of his or her status as
22	a public official or employee.".

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