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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Thin Blue Line Act”.

SEC. 2. AGgravating FACTORS FOR DEATH PENALTY.

Section 3592(c) of title 18, United States Code, is
amended by inserting after paragraph (16) the following:

“(17) KILLING OR TARGETING OF LAW ENFORCE-
MENT OFFICER.—

“(A) The defendant killed or attempted to
kill, in the circumstance described in subpara-
graph (B), a person who is authorized by law—

“(i) to engage in or supervise the pre-
vention, detention, investigation, or prosecu-
tion, or the incarceration of any person for
any criminal violation of law;

“(ii) to apprehend, arrest, or prosecute
an individual for any criminal violation of
law; or

“(iii) to be a firefighter or other first
responder.

“(B) The circumstance referred to in sub-
paragraph (A) is that the person was killed or
targeted—
“(i) while he or she was engaged in the performance of his or her official duties;

“(ii) because of the performance of his or her official duties; or

“(iii) because of his or her status as a public official or employee.”.
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Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed.