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# H. R. 3920

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. MACE (for herself, Mr. GILL of Texas, and Mr. WIED) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## 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 “Lawless Cities Ac-  
5       countability Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. NO FEDERAL FUNDS FOR LAWLESS JURISDICTIONS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—No Federal funds may be made  
3 available to a jurisdiction that the Attorney General deter-  
4 mines is a lawless jurisdiction.

5 (b) ATTORNEY GENERAL DETERMINATIONS.—Not  
6 later than 30 days after the date of enactment of this Act,  
7 and not less than quarterly thereafter, the Attorney Gen-  
8 eral shall make determinations on which jurisdictions are  
9 lawless jurisdictions, and shall make such determinations,  
10 and an explanation of each determination, publicly avail-  
11 able.

12 (c) REINSTATEMENT OF FEDERAL FUNDS.—A juris-  
13 diction that the Attorney General determines is a lawless  
14 jurisdiction may begin receiving Federal funds on the later  
15 of—

16 (1) 180 days after the date on which the Attor-  
17 ney General first determines that the jurisdiction is  
18 lawless; or

19 (2) the date on which the Attorney General de-  
20 termines that the jurisdiction is no longer a lawless  
21 jurisdiction.

22 **SEC. 3. DEFINITION.**

23 In this Act, the term “lawless jurisdiction” means a  
24 State or political subdivision of a State that—

1           (1) forbids a law enforcement agency from in-  
2           tervening to restore order amid widespread or sus-  
3           tained violence or destruction;

4           (2) has withdrawn law enforcement protection  
5           from a geographical area or structure that law en-  
6           forcement officers are lawfully entitled to access, but  
7           have been officially prevented from accessing or per-  
8           mitted to access only in exceptional circumstances,  
9           except when law enforcement officers are briefly  
10          withheld as a tactical decision intended to resolve  
11          safely and expeditiously a specific and ongoing un-  
12          lawful incident posing an imminent threat to the  
13          safety of individuals or law enforcement officers;

14          (3) disempowers or defunds law enforcement  
15          agencies; or

16          (4) refuses to accept an offer of law enforce-  
17          ment assistance from the Federal Government amid  
18          widespread or sustained violence or destruction in  
19          the jurisdiction, during which the jurisdiction has  
20          been unable to restore order.

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