

119TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 5143

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## AN ACT

To establish standards for law enforcement officers in the District of Columbia to engage in vehicular pursuits of suspects, and for other purposes.

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

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “District of Columbia  
3 Policing Protection Act of 2025”.

4 **SEC. 2. VEHICULAR PURSUITS BY LAW ENFORCEMENT OF-**  
5 **FICERS IN DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.**

6 (a) AMENDMENT.—The Comprehensive Policing and  
7 Justice Reform Amendment Act of 2022 (D.C. Law 24–  
8 345) is amended—

9 (1) in subtitle S of title I—

10 (A) in the heading, by striking “**LIMITA-**  
11 **TIONS ON THE**”;

12 (B) in section 127(a) (sec. 5–365.01(a),  
13 D.C. Official Code)—

14 (i) by striking paragraphs (1) through  
15 (5);

16 (ii) in paragraph (6), by striking the  
17 period at the end and inserting the fol-  
18 lowing: “, except that such term does not  
19 include a sworn federal law enforcement  
20 officer of a covered federal law enforce-  
21 ment agency as defined in section  
22 11712(d) of the National Capital Revital-  
23 ization and Self-Government Improvement  
24 Act of 1997 (sec. 5–133.17(d), D.C. Offi-  
25 cial Code).”;

1 (iii) by redesignating paragraphs (6)  
2 and (7) as paragraphs (1) and (2), respec-  
3 tively;

4 (iv) by striking paragraphs (8)  
5 through (11); and

6 (v) by redesignating paragraph (12)  
7 as paragraph (3); and

8 (C) in section 128 (sec. 5–365.02, D.C.  
9 Official Code), by striking subsections (a), (b),  
10 and (c) and inserting the following:

11 “If a law enforcement officer encounters a suspect  
12 fleeing in a motor vehicle, the officer may engage in a ve-  
13 hicular pursuit of the suspect unless the officer, or a high-  
14 er-ranking official with supervisory authority over the offi-  
15 cer, reasonably believes that—

16 “(1) vehicular pursuit would—

17 “(A) entail an unacceptable risk of harm  
18 to a person other than the suspect; or

19 “(B) be futile; or

20 “(2) the suspect can be apprehended more ef-  
21 fectively or expeditiously by a means other than ve-  
22 hicular pursuit.”; and

23 (2) in the table of contents, by striking the item  
24 relating to subtitle S of title I and inserting the fol-  
25 lowing:

**“SUBTITLE S. USE OF VEHICULAR PURSUITS BY LAW  
ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS ..... 33”.**

1       (b) DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE REPORT ON  
2 PURSUITALERT.—Not later than 3 years after the date  
3 of enactment of this Act, the Attorney General shall—

4           (1) evaluate the costs and benefits of the Met-  
5 ropolitan Police Department of the District of Co-  
6 lumbia adopting PursuitAlert or another similar  
7 technology capable of alerting members of the public  
8 to the presence of a police pursuit in their imme-  
9 diate vicinity; and

10          (2) publish a report on the evaluation con-  
11 ducted under paragraph (1) and submit the report  
12 to—

13           (A) the Committee on Homeland Security  
14 and Governmental Affairs of the Senate;

15           (B) the Committee on the Judiciary of the  
16 Senate;

17           (C) the Committee on Oversight and Gov-  
18 ernment Reform of the House of Representa-  
19 tives; and

1 (D) the Committee on the Judiciary of the  
2 House of Representatives.

Passed the House of Representatives September 17,  
2025.

Attest:

*Clerk.*

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