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H. R. 2896

To authorize the Secretary of Defense to make military helicopters and their crews available to State and local law enforcement agencies to assist in law enforcement and rescue operations.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 7, 1997

Ms. KILPATRICK (for herself, Mr. FROST, and Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on National Security

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 “Police Pursuit and
5 Rescue Support Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. AVAILABILITY OF MILITARY HELICOPTERS AND**
2 **CREWS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT AND RES-**
3 **CUE OPERATIONS.**

4 (a) **AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE HELICOPTERS AND**
5 **CREWS.**—To improve the safety and success of police pur-
6 suits of suspected criminals and police and fire rescue op-
7 erations, the Secretary of Defense is authorized and en-
8 couraged to use the authority provided in sections 372 and
9 374 of title 10, United States Code, to make military heli-
10 copters (and personnel of the Department of Defense nec-
11 essary to operate such helicopters) available to assist State
12 and local law enforcement agencies to perform such law
13 enforcement and rescue operations. Sections 375, 376,
14 and 377 of such title shall apply with respect to the provi-
15 sion of equipment and the assignment or detail of person-
16 nel under this section.

17 (b) **PURSUIT GUIDELINES.**—As a condition on the
18 provision of equipment and the assignment or detail of De-
19 partment of Defense personnel under this section to assist
20 in police pursuits, the Secretary of Defense shall require
21 a State or local law enforcement agency requesting assist-
22 ance under this section for such a purpose to submit to
23 the Secretary the guidelines prepared by the agency re-
24 garding the circumstances and procedures under which ve-

- 1 hicles and helicopters are used to pursue suspected crimi-
- 2 nals.

