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H. R. 1369

To authorize the Secretary of Defense to make military helicopters and other equipment available to State and local governments to assist in emergency law enforcement and rescue operations.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 12, 1999

Ms. KILPATRICK (for herself, Mr. FROST, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. SHOWS, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mrs. JONES of Ohio, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. LUTHER, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, and Mr. CAPUANO) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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 **OTHER EQUIPMENT FOR EMERGENCY LAW**
3 **ENFORCEMENT AND RESCUE OPERATIONS.**

4 (a) **AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE EQUIPMENT.**—To im-
5 prove the safety and success of police pursuits of suspected
6 criminals and police and fire rescue operations, the Sec-
7 retary of Defense is authorized and encouraged to use the
8 authority provided in section 372 of title 10, United States
9 Code, to make military helicopters and other equipment
10 of the Department of Defense available to assist State and
11 local governments to perform such law enforcement and
12 rescue operations. Sections 375, 376, and 377 of that title
13 shall apply with respect to the provision of equipment
14 under this section.

15 (b) **SUBMISSION OF GUIDELINES FOR PURSUIT AND**
16 **RESCUE.**—As a condition on the provision of Department
17 of Defense equipment under this section to assist in police
18 pursuits or police and fire rescue operations, the Secretary
19 of Defense shall require a State or local government re-
20 questing assistance under this section for either purpose
21 to submit to the Secretary in advance the guidelines pre-
22 pared by the government regarding the circumstances and
23 procedures under which vehicles and helicopters are used
24 to pursue suspected criminals or equipment is used to con-
25 duct rescue operations, whichever applies.