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H. R. 3799

To direct the Justice Department to pursue civil actions to eliminate patterns or practices of civil rights violations by police, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. MAXINE WATERS of California (for herself, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. RUSH, Mr. COHEN, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. HASTINGS, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Ms. NORTON, Mr. CUMMINGS, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Mr. GUTIÉRREZ, and Mr. CARSON of Indiana) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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 “Demanding Oversight
5 from Justice Act of 2017”.

6 **SEC. 2. CIVIL ACTION BY ATTORNEY GENERAL.**

7 Section 210401(b) of the Violent Crime Control and
8 Law Enforcement Act of 1994 (34 U.S.C. 12601(b)) is

1 amended by striking “may in a civil action” and inserting
2 “shall in a civil action”.

3 **SEC. 3. ANNUAL REPORTING REQUIREMENT.**

4 Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment
5 of this section, and annually thereafter, the Attorney Gen-
6 eral shall publish a report describing the complaints re-
7 ceived by the Department of Justice alleging violations of
8 section 210401 of the Violent Crime Control and Law En-
9 forcement Act of 1994, including—

10 (1) information on each investigation conducted
11 and each civil action initiated—

12 (A) pursuant to all such complaints; or

13 (B) without such a complaint having been
14 filed; and

15 (2) for each complaint received for which the
16 Attorney General does not initiate an investigation
17 or a civil action, an explanation as to why no inves-
18 tigation or civil action was initiated.

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