

109TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 2363

To amend title 18, United States Code, to increase the penalty on persons who are convicted of killing peace officers and who flee the country.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 16, 2005

Mr. DREIER (for himself, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. McKEON, and Mrs. BONO) 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 “Peace Officer Justice
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF FEDERAL CRIME FOR KILLING**
2 **PEACE OFFICERS AND TRAVELING IN FOR-**
3 **EIGN COMMERCE.**

4 (a) FEDERAL CRIME RELATING TO PEACE OFFI-
5 CERS.—Section 1121 of title 18, United States Code, is
6 amended—

7 (1) by redesignating subsection (c) as sub-
8 section (d); and

9 (2) by inserting after subsection (b) the fol-
10 lowing new subsection:

11 “(c)(1) Whoever intentionally kills any peace officer
12 engaged in, or on account of the performance of, such offi-
13 cer’s official duties, and moves or travels in foreign com-
14 merce with intent to avoid prosecution or confinement
15 after conviction of that crime, shall be sentenced according
16 to the terms of section 1111.

17 “(2) As used in this section, the term ‘peace officer’
18 means any officer of the United States, a State, or a polit-
19 ical subdivision of a State who is empowered by law to
20 conduct investigations of or to make arrests for offenses
21 against the criminal laws of the United States, the State,
22 or the political subdivision.”.

23 (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—

24 (1) The heading for section 1121 of title 18,
25 United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

1 **“§ 1121. Killing persons aiding Federal investigations,**
2 **killing State correctional officers, and**
3 **killing peace officers”.**

4 (2) The item relating to section 1121 in the
5 table of sections for chapter 51 of such title is
6 amended to read as follows:

“1121. Killing persons aiding Federal investigations, killing State correctional
 officers, and killing peace officers.”.

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