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2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 5542

To amend title 18, United States Code, to provide an additional penalty for public officials who abuse their office in furtherance of a felony.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CARDOZA introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## 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. ABUSE OF OFFICE IN FURTHERANCE OF A FEL-**  
4 **ONY.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 93 of title 18, United  
6 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
7 lowing:

8 **“§ 1925. Abuse of office in furtherance of a felony.**

9 “(a) Whoever, as a public official, engages, or under-  
10 takes to engage, in any conduct in furtherance of a Fed-

1 eral felony, shall, in addition to the punishment provided  
2 for such felony, be fined under this title and imprisoned  
3 for 2 years.

4 “(b) In this section, the term ‘public official’ means  
5 any of the following:

6 “(1) An official occupying an elected office of  
7 the United States or of a State or local government.

8 “(2) An official appointed to an office of the  
9 United States by the President with the advice and  
10 consent of the Senate.

11 “(3) An official appointed to an office of a  
12 State or local government by an official elected to an  
13 office of a State or local government.”.

14 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
15 at the beginning of chapter 93 of title 18, United States  
16 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new  
17 item:

“1925. Abuse of office in furtherance of a felony”.

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