

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 377

To amend title 18, United States Code, to increase certain penalties for assaulting, resisting, or impeding certain officers or employees, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 21, 2021

Mr. ARRINGTON (for himself, Mr. BABIN, Mr. ESTES, and Mr. BANKS) 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 “Patrick Underwood
5 Federal Law Enforcement Protection Act of 2021”.

6 **SEC. 2. ASSAULTING, RESISTING, OR IMPEDING CERTAIN**
7 **OFFICERS OR EMPLOYEES.**

8 Section 111 of title 18, United States Code, is
9 amended to read as follows:

1 **“§ 111. Assaulting, resisting, or impeding certain offi-**
2 **cers or employees**

3 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Whoever knowingly—

4 “(1) forcibly assaults, resists, opposes, impedes,
5 intimidates, or interferes while performing official
6 duties,

7 “(2) makes physical contact with or has the in-
8 tent to commit another felony while acting under
9 paragraph (1), or

10 “(3) uses a deadly or dangerous weapon against
11 (including a weapon intended to cause death or dan-
12 ger but that fails to do so by reason of a defective
13 component) or inflicts bodily injury while acting
14 under paragraph (1),

15 any officer or employee of the United States or of any
16 agency in any branch of the United States Government
17 (including any member of the uniformed services) while
18 engaged in or on account of the performance of official
19 duties, or any person who formerly served as a person de-
20 fined above on account of the performance of official du-
21 ties during such person’s term of service shall be punished
22 as provided in subsection (b).

23 “(b) PUNISHMENT.—A violation of subsection (a)
24 shall be punished as follows:

25 “(1) For a violation of paragraph (1) of such
26 subsection, by a fine under this title of not less than

1 \$1,000 or by imprisonment for not more than 1
2 year, or both.

3 “(2) For a violation of paragraph (2) of such
4 subsection, by a fine under this title of not less than
5 \$2,500 or by imprisonment for not more than 10
6 years, or both.

7 “(3) For a violation of paragraph (3) of such
8 subsection, by a fine under this title of not less than
9 \$10,000 or by mandatory imprisonment, or both.”.

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