

HR 472

Eric Williams Correctional Officer Protection Act of 2015

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Rep. Heck, Joseph J. [R-NV-3]	R · NV		May 14, 2015
Rep. Amodei, Mark E. [R-NV-2]	R · NV		Jun 2, 2015
Rep. Sensenbrenner, F. James, Jr. [R-WI-5]	R · WI		Jun 10, 2015
Rep. Johnson, Bill [R-OH-6]	R · OH		Jun 11, 2015
Rep. Cole, Tom [R-OK-4]	R · OK		Nov 3, 2015
Rep. Takano, Mark [D-CA-41]	D · CA		Dec 1, 2015
Rep. Cook, Paul [R-CA-8]	R · CA		Dec 8, 2015
Rep. Vela, Filemon [D-TX-34]	D · TX		Feb 9, 2016
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Rep. Gibson, Christopher P. [R-NY-19]	R · NY		Feb 24, 2016
Rep. Griffith, H. Morgan [R-VA-9]	R · VA		Feb 24, 2016
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Rep. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL-8]	D · IL		Apr 12, 2016

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 19, 2015

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 759	Related bill	Dec 23, 2016: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 704.
114 S 238	Identical bill	Mar 9, 2016: Became Public Law No: 114-133.
114 S 2123	Related bill	Oct 26, 2015: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 279.
114 S 467	Related bill	Feb 11, 2015: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S939-944)

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Amends the federal criminal code to require the Director of the Bureau of Prisons to issue oleoresin capsicum spray to: (1) any Bureau officer or employee employed in a prison that is not a minimum or low security prison who may respond to an emergency situation in such prison; and (2) such additional prison officers and employees as the Director deems appropriate, subject to specified requirements.

Requires any such officer or employee to complete a training course before being issued such spray and annual training on the use of such spray.

Authorizes Bureau officers and employees issued such spray to use it to reduce acts of violence committed by prisoners and prison visitors against themselves, other prisoners and visitors, and Bureau officers and employees.

Directs the Comptroller General, not later than three years after the date on which the Director begins to issue oleoresin capsicum spray to Bureau officers and employees, to submit to Congress a report that includes: (1) an evaluation of the effectiveness of issuing such spray on reducing crime in such prisons and acts of violence committed by prisoners against themselves and others, (2) an evaluation of the advisability of issuing such spray, and (3) recommendations to improve the safety of Bureau officers and employees in prisons.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 19, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.
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- **Jan 22, 2015:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.