

HR 72

Thin Blue Line Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

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Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security. (Mar 1, 2021)

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • **State:** FL • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (41 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Reed, Tom [R-NY-23]	R · NY		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Keller, Fred [R-PA-12]	R · PA		May 12, 2021
Rep. Gimenez, Carlos A. [R-FL-26]	R · FL		Jul 21, 2021
Rep. Johnson, Mike [R-LA-4]	R · LA		Jul 21, 2021
Rep. Posey, Bill [R-FL-8]	R · FL		Jul 21, 2021
Rep. Steube, W. Gregory [R-FL-17]	R · FL		Jul 21, 2021
Rep. Valadao, David G. [R-CA-21]	R · CA		Jul 21, 2021
Rep. Norman, Ralph [R-SC-5]	R · SC		Jul 26, 2021
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Rep. Pence, Greg [R-IN-6]	R · IN		Jul 26, 2021
Rep. Weber, Randy K., Sr. [R-TX-14]	R · TX		Jul 26, 2021
Rep. Harris, Andy [R-MD-1]	R · MD		Aug 27, 2021
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-1]	R · PA		Dec 16, 2021
Rep. Harshbarger, Diana [R-TN-1]	R · TN		Jan 6, 2022
Rep. Davis, Rodney [R-IL-13]	R · IL		Feb 9, 2022
Rep. Bilirakis, Gus M. [R-FL-12]	R · FL		Mar 2, 2022
Rep. Budd, Ted [R-NC-13]	R · NC		Mar 2, 2022
Rep. Malliotakis, Nicole [R-NY-11]	R · NY		Mar 2, 2022
Rep. McKinley, David B. [R-WV-1]	R · WV		Mar 2, 2022
Rep. Babin, Brian [R-TX-36]	R · TX		Mar 15, 2022
Rep. Brooks, Mo [R-AL-5]	R · AL		Mar 15, 2022
Rep. Meuser, Daniel [R-PA-9]	R · PA		Mar 21, 2022
Rep. Banks, Jim [R-IN-3]	R · IN		May 12, 2022
Rep. Dunn, Neal P. [R-FL-2]	R · FL		May 12, 2022
Rep. Johnson, Bill [R-OH-6]	R · OH		May 12, 2022
Rep. Williams, Roger [R-TX-25]	R · TX		May 12, 2022
Rep. Bost, Mike [R-IL-12]	R · IL		May 17, 2022
Rep. Ferguson, A. Drew, IV [R-GA-3]	R · GA		May 17, 2022
Rep. Latta, Robert E. [R-OH-5]	R · OH		May 17, 2022
Rep. Van Duyne, Beth [R-TX-24]	R · TX		May 17, 2022
Rep. Kustoff, David [R-TN-8]	R · TN		May 18, 2022
Rep. Cheney, Liz [R-WY-At Large]	R · WY		May 19, 2022
Rep. Graves, Garret [R-LA-6]	R · LA		May 27, 2022
Rep. Hartzler, Vicky [R-MO-4]	R · MO		Jun 3, 2022
Rep. Joyce, John [R-PA-13]	R · PA		Jun 7, 2022
Rep. Herrera Beutler, Jaime [R-WA-3]	R · WA		Jun 8, 2022
Rep. Owens, Burgess [R-UT-4]	R · UT		Jun 14, 2022
Rep. Diaz-Balart, Mario [R-FL-25]	R · FL		Jul 26, 2022
Rep. Newhouse, Dan [R-WA-4]	R · WA		Jul 26, 2022
Rep. Waltz, Michael [R-FL-6]	R · FL		Aug 12, 2022
Rep. Spartz, Victoria [R-IN-5]	R · IN		Sep 28, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 1, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 3458	Related bill	Jan 18, 2022: Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 238.
117 S 1595	Identical bill	May 12, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Summary (as of Jan 4, 2021)

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This bill expands the list of statutory aggravating factors in death penalty determinations to also include killing or targeting a law enforcement officer, firefighter, or other first responder.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 1, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
- **Jan 4, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 4, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.