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# H. R. 4408

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 19, 2019

Mr. JEFFRIES (for himself, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Ms. BASS, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. HASTINGS, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Ms. NORTON, Mr. LEWIS, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Mr. SERRANO, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Mr. RUSH, Mr. MEEKS, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Ms. MOORE, Mr. EVANS, Mr. LAWSON of Florida, Ms. OMAR, Ms. SCANLON, Mr. RICHMOND, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mr. COHEN, Mr. CICILLINE, and Ms. PRESSLEY) 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Eric Garner Excessive  
5 Use of Force Prevention Act of 2019”.

1 **SEC. 2. CHOKEHOLDS AS CIVIL RIGHTS VIOLATIONS.**

2 Section 242 of title 18, United States Code, is  
3 amended by adding at the end the following: “For the pur-  
4 poses of this section, the application of any pressure to  
5 the throat or windpipe which may prevent or hinder  
6 breathing or reduce intake of air is a punishment, pain,  
7 or penalty.”.

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