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H. R. 8429

To amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to authorize the use of Byrne-JAG grants for the purchase of disaster response and tactical vehicles.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 16, 2024

Ms. CRAIG 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 “Protect Local Law En-
5 forcement Act of 2024”.

1 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE DISASTER RE-**
2 **SPONSE AND TACTICAL VEHICLES.**

3 Section 501 of the title I of the Omnibus Crime Con-
4 trol and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10152) is
5 amended—

6 (1) in subsection (a)(1), in the matter pre-
7 ceding subparagraph (A), by inserting after “equip-
8 ment” the following “(including armored, disaster
9 response, command and control, and tactical vehi-
10 cles)”;

11 (2) in subsection (d)(2)(A), by striking “(ex-
12 cluding police cruisers),” and inserting the following:
13 “(excluding police cruisers and armored, disaster re-
14 sponse, command and control, and tactical vehi-
15 cles),”; and

16 (3) by adding at the end the following:

17 “(i) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

18 “(1) The term ‘tactical vehicle’ means a vehicle
19 purpose-built to operate on and off-road in support
20 of military operations such as a HMMWV
21 (‘Humvee’), 2.5 ton truck, or 5 ton truck, or a vehi-
22 cle with a breaching or entry apparatus attached,
23 and which may be used by law enforcement in rough
24 terrain or inclement weather for search and rescue
25 operations as well as other law enforcement func-
26 tions.

1 “(2) The term ‘command and control vehicles’
2 means any wheeled vehicle either purpose-built or
3 modified to facilitate the operational control and di-
4 rection of public safety units responding to an inci-
5 dent, that can accommodate multiple people at mul-
6 tiple workstations in the command center, and which
7 may provide a variety of capabilities including the
8 provision for enhanced communications and other
9 situational awareness capabilities.

10 “(3) The term ‘armored vehicle’ means any ve-
11 hicle that provides ballistic protection to its occu-
12 pants.”.

13 **SEC. 3. INEFFECTIVENESS OF CERTAIN RULES AND POLI-**
14 **CIES.**

15 No regulation, rule, guidance, policy, or recommenda-
16 tions issued on or after May 15, 2015, that limits the abil-
17 ity of State, local or Tribal law enforcement agencies to
18 purchase disaster response or tactical vehicles through the
19 Byrne JAG Program under subpart 1 of part E of title
20 I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of
21 1968 shall have any force or effect after the date of the
22 enactment of this Act.

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