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S. 3356

To amend title 18, United States Code, to modify the role and duties of United States Postal Service police officers, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 29, 2023

Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. MORAN, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. COONS, Mr. KAINE, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Ms. SINEMA, and Mr. KING) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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 “Postal Police Reform
5 Act of 2023”.

6 **SEC. 2. ROLE AND DUTIES OF USPS POLICE OFFICERS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3061(c) of title 18,
8 United States Code, is amended—

1 (1) by striking “(c)(1)” and all that follows
2 through the end of paragraph (1) and inserting the
3 following:

4 “(c)(1)(A) The Postal Service may employ police offi-
5 cers for duty in connection with the protection of—

6 “(i) the mail;

7 “(ii) property owned or occupied by the Postal
8 Service or under the charge and control of the Post-
9 al Service;

10 “(iii) persons on the property described in
11 clause (ii); and

12 “(iv) on-duty employees of the Postal Service in
13 any location in the United States.

14 “(B) The duty described in subparagraph (A) may
15 occur in areas outside the property owned or occupied by
16 the Postal Service to the extent necessary to effect the
17 protection described in that subparagraph.”;

18 (2) in paragraph (2), by striking “With respect
19 to such property, such officers” and inserting “Any
20 officer assigned to provide the protection described
21 in paragraph (1)(A)”;

22 (3) in paragraph (3)—

23 (A) in the matter preceding subparagraph

24 (A), by striking “such property” and inserting

1 “the protection described in paragraph (1)(A)”;
2 and

3 (B) in subparagraph (B), by striking
4 “committed against” and all that follows and
5 inserting the following: “committed against—

6 “(i) property owned or occupied by
7 the Postal Service or under the charge and
8 control of the Postal Service;

9 “(ii) persons on the property de-
10 scribed in clause (i); or

11 “(iii) on-duty employees of the Postal
12 Service in any location in the United
13 States.”.

14 (b) TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.—Section
15 3061(e)(2)(C) of title 18, United States Code, is amended
16 by striking “Unites States” and inserting “United
17 States”.

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