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119TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. PRESSLEY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on \_\_\_\_\_  
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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 “Qualified Immunity  
5       Abolition Act of 2026”.

6       **SEC. 2. REMOVAL OF QUALIFIED IMMUNITY.**

7       Section 1979 of the Revised Statutes (42 U.S.C.  
8       1983) is amended—

1 (1) by inserting “(a)” before “Every person”;

2 and

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

4 “(b) It shall not be a defense to any action brought  
5 against a Federal, State, or local law enforcement officer  
6 that is pending on, or filed after, the date of enactment  
7 of this subsection that, at the time of the deprivation—

8 “(1) the defendant was acting in good faith;

9 “(2) the defendant believed, reasonably or oth-  
10 erwise, that his or her conduct was lawful;

11 “(3) the rights, privileges, or immunities se-  
12 cured by the Constitution and laws were not clearly  
13 established; or

14 “(4) the state of the law was such that the de-  
15 fendant could not reasonably have been expected to  
16 know whether his or her conduct was lawful.”.

17 **SEC. 3. CIVIL ACTION AGAINST FEDERAL LAW ENFORCE-**  
18 **MENT OFFICERS ACTING UNDER FEDERAL**  
19 **AUTHORITY.**

20 Subsection (a) of section 1979 of the Revised Stat-  
21 utes (42 U.S.C. 1983), as so designated by section 4 of  
22 this Act, is amended by inserting “and every Federal law  
23 enforcement officer who, under color of any statute, ordi-  
24 nance, regulation, custom, or usage of the United States,”  
25 before “subjects”.