

HB 4208-3  
(LC 81)  
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Requested by JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE FIRST SPECIAL SESSION OF 2020 (at the request of  
People of Color Caucus)

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO  
HOUSE BILL 4208**

1 After line 2 of the printed bill, insert:

2 “Whereas Black Lives Matter; and

3 “Whereas the lives of Kendra James, Jason Washington, Andre Gladen,  
4 Patrick Kimmons, Chase Arnae Peeples, Terrell Kyreem Johnson, Quanice  
5 Derrick Hayes, Denorris Laron McClendon and Darris Eugene Johnson  
6 mattered; and

7 “Whereas the right to protest and the right to free speech are protected  
8 by the United States Constitution; and

9 “Whereas we are in the midst of a global pandemic; and

10 “Whereas tear gas is a chemical weapon that can cause severe eye and  
11 respiratory pain, skin irritation, bleeding, nausea and blindness; and

12 “Whereas individuals with preexisting health conditions such as asthma,  
13 chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and hypertension can suffer severe  
14 complications, including permanent disability or death if exposed to tear gas;  
15 and

16 “Whereas medical experts warn that tear gas could increase the risk of  
17 disease transmission by inducing coughing and airway inflammation among  
18 protestors; and

19 “Whereas after World War I, the Geneva Protocol of 1925 banned the use  
20 of tear gas in warfare; and

21 “Whereas the use of tear gas could disproportionately harm individuals

1 exercising their First Amendment rights who have limited mobility or  
2 underlying health conditions; and

3 “Whereas the use of tear gas endangers the health and safety of the  
4 public irrespective of whether a global pandemic is occurring; now,  
5 therefore,”.

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