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H. R. 1828

To amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to extend public safety officers' death benefits to fire police officers.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 6, 2013

Mr. COURTNEY (for himself, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. HIMES, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mr. MCINTYRE, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. TONKO, and Ms. ESTY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Fire Police Fairness Act".

SEC. 2. EXTENDING PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER DEATH BENEFITS TO FIRE POLICE.

Section 1204 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3796b) is amended—

(1) by redesignating paragraphs (5) through (9) as paragraphs (6) through (10), respectively;

(2) in paragraph (10)(A) (as so redesignated by paragraph (1) of this section), by inserting ''as a fire police officer,'' after ''firefighter,''; and

(3) by inserting after paragraph (4) the following new paragraph:

''(5) 'fire police officer' includes an individual who—

''(A) is serving in accordance with State or local law as an officially recognized or designated member of a legally organized public safety agency but is not a law enforcement officer, a firefighter, a chaplain, or a member of a rescue squad or ambulance crew described in paragraph (10)(A); and

''(B) provides scene security or directs traffic—

''(i) in response to any fire drill, fire call, or other fire, rescue, or police emergency; or

''(ii) at a planned special event;''.

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