H. R. 2882

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 3, 2001 Received

AN ACT

To provide for the expedited payment of certain benefits for a public safety officer who was killed or suffered a catastrophic injury as a direct and proximate result of a personal injury sustained in the line of duty in connection with the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

- 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. EXPEDITED PAYMENT FOR HEROIC PUBLIC
- 4 SAFETY OFFICERS.
- 5 Notwithstanding the limitations of subsection (b) of
- 6 section 1201 or the provisions of subsections (c), (d), and
- 7 (e) of such section or section 1202 of title I of the Omni-
- 8 bus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42)
- 9 U.S.C. 3796, 3796a), upon certification by a public agency
- 10 that a public safety officer employed by such agency was
- 11 killed or suffered a catastrophic injury as a direct and
- 12 proximate result of a personal injury sustained in the line
- 13 of duty as described in section 1201(a) of such Act in con-
- 14 nection with the rescue or recovery efforts related to the
- 15 terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, the Director of
- 16 the Bureau of Justice Assistance shall authorize payment
- 17 to qualified beneficiaries, said payment to be made not
- 18 later than 30 days after receipt of such certification, bene-
- 19 fits described under subpart 1 of part L of such Act (42
- 20 U.S.C. 3796 et seq.).
- 21 SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.
- 22 For purposes of this Act, the terms "catastrophic in-
- 23 jury", "public agency", and "public safety officer" have
- 24 the same meanings given such terms in section 1204 of

- 1 title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act
- $2\ \ {\rm of}\ 1968\ (42\ U.S.C.\ 3796b).$

Passed the House of Representatives September 13, 2001.

Attest: JEFF TRANDAHL,

Clerk.