

115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3918

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

OCTOBER 3, 2017

Mr. COURTNEY (for himself, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. DONOVAN, Mr. EVANS, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. HIMES, Mr. LANCE, Mr. MCKINLEY, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Mr. SIRES, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. LOBIONDO, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Ms. ESTY of Connecticut, and Mr. SOTO) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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 “Fire Police Fairness
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXTENDING PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER DEATH BENE-**
2 **FITS TO FIRE POLICE.**

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

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

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

10 (3) by inserting after paragraph (4) the fol-
11 lowing new paragraph:

12 “(5) ‘fire police officer’ includes an individual
13 who—

14 “(A) is serving in accordance with State or
15 local law as an officially recognized or des-
16 ignated member of a legally organized public
17 safety agency but is not a law enforcement offi-
18 cer, a firefighter, a chaplain, or a member of a
19 rescue squad or ambulance crew described in
20 paragraph (10)(A); and

21 “(B) provides scene security or directs
22 traffic—

23 “(i) in response to any fire drill, fire
24 call, or other fire, rescue, or police emer-
25 gency; or

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“(ii) at a planned special event;”.

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