

104TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 3647

To amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to ensure that chaplains killed in the line of duty receive benefits.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 13, 1996

Mr. MANZULLO (for himself, Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. SOLOMON, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. COBLE, Mr. EVANS, Mr. DIAZ-BALART, Mr. FROST, and Mr. JACOBS) 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 “Bruce M. Bryan Police
5 and Fire Chaplains Public Safety Officers’ Benefit Act of
6 1996”.

7 **SEC. 2. BENEFITS FOR CHAPLAINS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1204 of the Omnibus
9 Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 is amended—

1 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (2) through
2 (7) as (3) through (8), respectively;

3 (2) by inserting after paragraph (1) the follow-
4 ing:

5 “(2) chaplain means any individual serving as
6 an officially recognized or designated member of a
7 legally organized volunteer fire department or legally
8 organized police department, or an officially recog-
9 nized or designated public employee of a legally or-
10 ganized fire or police department who was respond-
11 ing to a fire, rescue, or police emergency.”; and

12 (3) in paragraph (8), as redesignated by para-
13 graph (1) of this Act, by striking “or rescue squad
14 or ambulance crew” and inserting “rescue squad or
15 ambulance crew, or chaplain”.

16 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
17 subsection (a) shall take effect on the date of enactment
18 of this Act and shall apply to injuries or deaths that occur
19 in the line of duty on or after such date.

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