

104TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 324

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 1 (legislative day, JANUARY 30), 1995

Mr. WARNER (for himself, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. SIMPSON, Mr. BROWN, Mr. GREGG, and Mr. ROTH) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources

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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 “Volunteer Firefighter
5 and Rescue Squad Worker Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FIREFIGHTER AND RESCUE SQUAD SERVICES.**

7 Section 3(e)(4) of the Fair Labor Standards Act of
8 1938 (29 U.S.C. 203(e)) is amended by adding at the end
9 the following new subparagraph:

10 “(C) The term ‘employee’ does not include a fire-
11 fighter or a member of a rescue squad during the period
12 in which the firefighter or rescue squad member volunteers
13 to perform firefighting or rescue squad services at a loca-
14 tion where the firefighter or member is not then or regu-
15 larly employed.”.

16 **SEC. 3. WAIVER OF OVERTIME COMPENSATION.**

17 The employer of a firefighter or member of a rescue
18 squad shall not be required to pay the firefighter or mem-
19 ber overtime compensation under section 7 of the Fair
20 Labor Standards Act of 1938 for a period during which
21 the firefighter or member—

22 (1) volunteered to perform services for the em-
23 ployer; and

24 (2) signed a legally binding waiver of such com-
25 pensation.

1 **SEC. 4. COERCION.**

2 Section 7 of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938
3 (29 U.S.C. 207) is amended by adding at the end the
4 following:

5 “(r) No employer may require (directly or indirectly)
6 an employee who is a firefighter or member of a rescue
7 squad to volunteer the employee’s firefighting or rescue
8 squad services during any period in which the employee
9 would be entitled to receive compensation for overtime em-
10 ployment under subsection (a).”

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