

106<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 5424

To amend the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 to authorize communities receiving community development block grants to use grant amounts to provide assistance to local firefighting, emergency medical, and rescue services.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 6, 2000

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services

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## 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. ASSISTANCE TO FIRE FIGHTING, EMERGENCY**  
2 **MEDICAL, AND RESCUE SERVICES AS ELIGI-**  
3 **BLE ACTIVITY UNDER CDBG PROGRAM.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 105(a) of the Housing  
5 and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C.  
6 5305(a)) is amended—

7 (1) in paragraph (23), by striking the period at  
8 the end and inserting a semicolon; and

9 (2) by inserting after paragraph (23) the fol-  
10 lowing new paragraph:

11 “(24) provision of assistance to local fire fight-  
12 ing, emergency medical, or rescue services for—

13 “(A) acquisition, repair, or rehabilitation  
14 of equipment (including any accessory, commu-  
15 nications, or protective equipment) or vehicles  
16 for fire fighting, emergency medical, or rescue  
17 services,

18 “(B) construction, acquisition, rehabilita-  
19 tion, or improvement of facilities for local fire  
20 fighting, emergency medical, or rescue services,  
21 or

22 “(C) training or planning involved in pro-  
23 viding fire fighting, emergency medical, or res-  
24 cue services; and”.

25 (b) LOW- AND MODERATE-INCOME BENEFIT.—Sec-  
26 tion 105(c) of the Housing and Community Development

1 Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5305(c)) is amended by adding  
2 at the end the following new paragraph:

3 “(5) An assisted activity described in subsection  
4 (a)(24) shall be considered to benefit persons of low and  
5 moderate income if the service provides such services to  
6 all persons in the geographical area served, including any  
7 low and moderate income persons.”.

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