

118TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 7794

To amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to include certain retired law enforcement officers in the public safety officers' death benefits program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 22, 2024

Mr. BARR 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 “Chief Herbert D.
5 Proffitt Act of 2024”.

1 **SEC. 2. INCLUSION OF CERTAIN RETIRED PUBLIC SAFETY**
2 **OFFICERS IN THE PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS'**
3 **DEATH BENEFITS PROGRAM.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1201 of the Omnibus
5 Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C.
6 10281) is amended by adding at the end the following:

7 “(p) PERSONAL INJURY TO RETIRED LAW ENFORCE-
8 MENT OFFICER.—

9 “(1) IN GENERAL.—A retired law enforcement
10 officer shall be eligible for a benefit under this part
11 if the officer died or became permanently and totally
12 disabled as the direct and proximate result of a per-
13 sonal injury resulting from a targeted attack be-
14 cause of the retired law enforcement officer’s service
15 as a law enforcement officer.

16 “(2) RETIRED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER
17 DEFINED.—In this subsection, the term ‘retired law
18 enforcement officer’ means an individual who sepa-
19 rated from service, in good standing, as a law en-
20 forcement officer, in an official capacity at a public
21 agency, with or without compensation.”.

22 (b) RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
24 graph (2), the amendments made by this section
25 shall—

1 (A) take effect on the date of enactment of
2 this Act; and

3 (B) apply to any matter pending, before
4 the Bureau of Justice Assistance or otherwise,
5 on the date of enactment of this Act, or filed
6 (consistent with pre-existing effective dates) or
7 accruing after that date.

8 (2) EXCEPTIONS.—The amendments made by
9 this section shall apply to any action taken by a re-
10 tired law enforcement office described in section
11 1201(p) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe
12 Streets Act of 1968 (as added by this Act) that oc-
13 curred on or after January 1, 2019.

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