

112TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 1315

To amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to extend public safety officers' death benefits to fire police officers.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 30, 2011

Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself and Mr. LIEBERMAN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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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,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Fire Police Fairness  
5       Act”.

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

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

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

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

6           (3) by inserting after paragraph (4) the fol-  
7           lowing new paragraph:

8           “(5) ‘fire police officer’ includes an individual  
9           who—

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

17                   “(B) is officially deployed to provide scene  
18                   security or direct traffic—

19                           “(i) in response to any fire drill, fire  
20                           call, or other fire, rescue, or police emer-  
21                           gency; or

22                           “(ii) at a planned special event;”.

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