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119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. _____

To amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to include fire investigators for public safety officers' death benefits, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. CASTEN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the ''Fire Investigators Recognition Act''.

SEC. 2. PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS' DEATH BENEFITS.

Section 1204 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10284) is amended—

(1) by amending paragraph (7) to read as follows:

''(7) 'firefighter' includes an individual serving as—

''(A) an officially recognized or designated member of a legally organized volunteer fire department, including an individual who, as such a member, engages in scene security or traffic management as the primary or only duty of the individual during emergency response; or

''(B) a fire investigator;''; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

''(15) 'fire investigator' means an individual serving as an officially recognized or designated member of a legally organized public safety agency, and is officially authorized to conduct, coordinate, and complete fire or explosion investigations and is conducting, coordinating, and completing an investigation responding to a current or ongoing emergency of a fire or explosion.''.