

119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 10001

To amend title 5, United States Code, to modify certain requirements for employees in fire protection activities for worker's compensation under chapter 81 of such title, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 30, 2026

Ms. PETTERSEN (for herself and Mr. LAWLER) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Education and Workforce

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 “Wildfire Responder
5 Protection Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. MODIFICATION TO REQUIREMENTS FOR EMPLOY-**
2 **EES IN FIRE PROTECTION ACTIVITIES.**

3 Section 8143b(a)(1) of title 5, United States Code,
4 is amended—

5 (1) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A)—

6 (A) by inserting “for all or a substantial
7 part of the year” after “employee employed”;
8 and

9 (B) by inserting “fuels specialist, burn
10 boss, prescribed fire crew member,” after “am-
11 bulance personnel,”;

12 (2) in subparagraph (A), by inserting “or
13 planned ignition” after “fire suppression”;

14 (3) in subparagraph (B), by striking “fire sup-
15 pression;” inserting “fire suppression or planned ig-
16 nition; and”;

17 (4) in subparagraph (C)—

18 (A) by inserting “fuels reduction,” after
19 “prevention,”; and

20 (B) by striking “; and” at the end and in-
21 serting a period; and

22 (5) by striking subparagraph (D).

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