

119TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 8863

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 15, 2026

Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia (for himself and Mr. MCGOVERN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Workforce

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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. COMPENSATION FOR CERTAIN ILLNESSES AND**  
2 **DISEASES DEEMED TO BE PROXIMATELY**  
3 **CAUSED BY EMPLOYMENT IN FIRE PROTEC-**  
4 **TION ACTIVITIES FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYEES**  
5 **OF THE BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO,**  
6 **FIREARMS AND EXPLOSIVES.**

7 (a) EMPLOYEES IN FIRE PROTECTION.—Section  
8 8143b of title 5, United States Code, is amended by add-  
9 ing at the end the following new subsection:

10 “(c) CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE BUREAU OF AL-  
11 COHOL, TOBACCO, FIREARMS AND EXPLOSIVES.—For the  
12 purposes of this section, a Certified Fire Investigator or  
13 a member of the National Response Team within the Bu-  
14 reau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives shall  
15 be deemed to be an employee in fire protection activities.”.

16 (b) APPLICATION.—The amendments made by this  
17 section shall apply to claims for compensation filed on or  
18 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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