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H. R. 9845

To amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to simplify the claim process for beneficiaries of public safety officers who die from a heart attack or stroke to receive payment through the Public Safety Office Benefit program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 22, 2026

Mr. CORREA (for himself, Mr. VAN DREW, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. ALFORD, Mr. GRAY, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. KEAN, Mr. BACON, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, Mr. GOLDEN of Maine, and Ms. PEREZ) 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 “Public Safety Officers’
5 Benefits Enhancement Act of 2026”.

1 **SEC. 2. SIMPLIFIED CLAIMS.**

2 Section 1201(k) of title I of the Omnibus Crime Con-
3 trol and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10281(k))
4 is amended—

5 (1) in the matter following paragraph (3), by
6 striking “or was directly and proximately caused by
7 something other than the mere presence of cardio-
8 vascular-disease risk factors”;

9 (2) by striking paragraph (3);

10 (3) in paragraph (2)(C)—

11 (A) by striking “24 hours” and inserting
12 “72 hours”; and

13 (B) by striking “; and” at the end and in-
14 serting “,”; and

15 (4) in paragraph (1)(B), by striking the semi-
16 colon at the end and inserting “; and”.

17 **SEC. 3. APPLICATION.**

18 The amendments made by this Act shall apply in the
19 case of any claim for benefits that is pending or filed on
20 or after the date of enactment of this Act.

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