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To clarify the tax treatment of certain disability benefits received by former police officers or firefighters.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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

A BILL

To clarify the tax treatment of certain disability benefits
received by former police officers or firefighters.

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. TREATMENT OF CERTAIN DISABILITY BENE-**
4 **FITS RECEIVED BY FORMER POLICE OFFI-**
5 **CERS OR FIREFIGHTERS.**

6 (a) GENERAL RULE.—For purposes of determining
7 whether any amount to which this section applies is ex-
8 cludable from gross income under section 104(a)(1) of the
9 Internal Revenue Code of 1986, the following conditions

1 shall be treated as personal injuries or sickness in the
2 course of employment:

3 (1) Heart disease.

4 (2) Hypertension.

5 (b) AMOUNTS TO WHICH SECTION APPLIES.—This
6 section shall apply to any amount—

7 (1) which is payable—

8 (A) to an individual (or to the survivors of
9 an individual) who was a full-time employee of
10 any police department or fire department which
11 is organized and operated by a State, by any
12 political subdivision thereof, or by any agency
13 or instrumentality of a State or political sub-
14 division thereof, and

15 (B) under a State law (as in existence on
16 July 1, 1992) which irrebuttably presumed that
17 heart disease and hypertension are work-related
18 illnesses but only for employees separating from
19 service before such date; and

20 (2) which is received in calendar year 1989,
21 1990, or 1991.

22 For purposes of the preceding sentence, the term “State”
23 includes the District of Columbia.

1 (c) WAIVER OF STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS.—If, on
2 the date of the enactment of this Act (or at any time with-
3 in the 1-year period beginning on such date of enactment)
4 credit or refund of any overpayment of tax resulting from
5 the provisions of this section is barred by any law or rule
6 of law, credit or refund of such overpayment shall, never-
7 theless, be allowed or made if claim therefore is filed be-
8 fore the date 1 year after such date of enactment.

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