

111TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2485

To amend title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to include nongovernmental and volunteer firefighters, ground and air ambulance crew members, and first responders for certain benefits.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 19, 2009

Mr. ELLISON (for himself, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Mr. PETERSON, Mr. WALZ, Mr. WELCH, Mr. TONKO, and Ms. CLARKE) 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. BENEFITS FOR CERTAIN NONGOVERNMENTAL**
4 **EMERGENCY SERVICE OFFICERS.**

5 Section 1204 of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control
6 and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3796b) is amend-
7 ed—

1 (1) in paragraph (7) by striking “employee”
2 and inserting “or nongovernmental employee or vol-
3 unteer”; and

4 (2) in paragraph (9)—

5 (A) in subparagraph (B)(ii), by striking
6 “or” after the semicolon;

7 (B) in subparagraph (C)(ii), by striking
8 the period at the end and inserting “; or”; and

9 (C) by adding at the end the following:

10 “(D) a nongovernmental employee or vol-
11 unteer—

12 “(i) of a fire department, ground or
13 air ambulance service, or first responder or
14 rescue squad, which is licensed or recog-
15 nized by the State or local government;
16 and

17 “(ii) who is performing official duties
18 serving the public in fire suppression, res-
19 cue, or emergency medical and ambulance
20 services.”.

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