

114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1321

To expand benefits to the families of public safety officers who suffer fatal climate-related injuries sustained in the line of duty and proximately resulting in death.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 13, 2015

Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. PORTMAN, Ms. AYOTTE, and Mr. PETERS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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 “Fairness for Fallen
5 Officers Act of 2015”.

1 **SEC. 2. BENEFITS FOR FAMILIES OF PUBLIC SAFETY OFFI-**
 2 **CERS WHO SUFFER FATAL CLIMATE-RE-**
 3 **LATED INJURIES.**

4 Section 1201 of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control
 5 and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3796) is amend-
 6 ed—

7 (1) in subsection (b), by inserting “or climate-
 8 related injury (as defined in subsection (l))” after
 9 “personal injury”;

10 (2) in subsection (k)—

11 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),
 12 by striking “or vascular rupture” and inserting
 13 “vascular rupture, or climate-related injury”;

14 (B) in paragraph (1)(A), by inserting “ex-
 15 posure to extreme environmental conditions,”
 16 after “disaster relief,”;

17 (C) in paragraph (2), by striking “or vas-
 18 cular rupture” and inserting “vascular rupture,
 19 or climate-related injury”;

20 (D) in paragraph (3), by striking “or vas-
 21 cular rupture” and inserting “vascular rupture,
 22 or climate-related injury”; and

23 (E) in the flush text following paragraph
 24 (3), by striking “or vascular rupture” and in-
 25 serting “vascular rupture, or climate-related in-
 26 jury”; and

1 (3) by amending subsection (l) to read as fol-
2 lows:

3 “(l) For purposes of subsection (k)—

4 “(1) the term ‘climate-related injury’ means an
5 injury that is caused by an environmental condition
6 experienced by an officer, including hypothermia,
7 heatstroke, and hyperthermia; and

8 “(2) the term ‘nonroutine stressful or strenuous
9 physical’ excludes actions of a clerical, administra-
10 tive, or nonmanual nature.”.

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