

Union Calendar No. 273

107TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 2624

[Report No. 107-458]

To authorize the Attorney General to make grants to honor, through permanent tributes, men and women of the United States who were killed or disabled while serving as law enforcement or public safety officers.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 25, 2001

Mr. SCHIFF (for himself, Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. STUPAK, Mr. SOUDER, Mr. FROST, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mr. LANTOS, Ms. MCKINNEY, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. GILMAN, Mr. NADLER, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. HOLDEN, Mr. MCNULTY, Ms. NORTON, and Mr. CRAMER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

MAY 14, 2002

Additional sponsors: Mr. GILMAN, Mr. NADLER, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. HOLDEN, Mr. MCNULTY, Ms. NORTON, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. FORBES, Mr. MOORE, Mr. SMITH of Texas, Ms. WATSON, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. FOLEY, Mr. HINCHEY, Mrs. LOWEY, and Ms. LOFGREN

MAY 14, 2002

Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union
and ordered to be printed

A BILL

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United States who were killed or disabled while serving as law enforcement or public safety officers.

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 “Law Enforcement
5 Tribute Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds the following:

8 (1) The well-being of all citizens of the United
9 States is preserved and enhanced as a direct result
10 of the vigilance and dedication of law enforcement
11 and public safety personnel.

12 (2) More than 700,000 law enforcement offi-
13 cers, both men and women, at great risk to their
14 personal safety, serve their fellow citizens as guard-
15 ians of peace.

16 (3) Nationwide, 51 law enforcement officers
17 were killed in the line of duty in 2000, according to
18 statistics released by the Federal Bureau of Inves-
19 tigation. This number is an increase of 9 from the
20 1999 total of 42.

21 (4) In 1999, 112 firefighters died while on
22 duty, an increase of 21 deaths from the previous
23 year.

1 (5) Every year, 1 in 9 peace officers is as-
2 saulted, 1 in 25 is injured, and 1 in 4,400 is killed
3 in the line of duty.

4 (6) In addition, recent statistics indicate that
5 83 officers were accidentally killed in the perform-
6 ance of their duties in 2000, an increase of 18 from
7 the 65 accidental deaths in 1999.

8 (7) A permanent tribute is a powerful means of
9 honoring the men and women who have served our
10 Nation with distinction. However, many law enforce-
11 ment and public safety agencies lack the resources
12 to honor their fallen colleagues.

13 **SEC. 3. PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.**

14 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—From amounts made available to
15 carry out this section, the Attorney General may make
16 grants to States, units of local government, and Indian
17 tribes to carry out programs to honor, through permanent
18 tributes, men and women of the United States who were
19 killed or disabled while serving as law enforcement or pub-
20 lic safety officers.

21 (b) **USES OF FUNDS.**—Grants awarded under this
22 section shall be distributed directly to the State, unit of
23 local government, or Indian tribe, and shall be used for
24 the purposes specified in subsection (a).

1 (c) \$150,000 LIMITATION.—A grant under this sec-
2 tion may not exceed \$150,000 to any single recipient.

3 (d) MATCHING FUNDS.—

4 (1) The Federal portion of the costs of a pro-
5 gram provided by a grant under this section may not
6 exceed 50 percent.

7 (2) Any funds appropriated by Congress for the
8 activities of any agency of an Indian tribal govern-
9 ment or the Bureau of Indian Affairs performing
10 law enforcement or public safety functions on any
11 Indian lands may be used to provide the non-Federal
12 share of a matching requirement funded under this
13 subsection.

14 (e) APPLICATIONS.—To request a grant under this
15 section, the chief executive of a State, unit of local govern-
16 ment, or Indian tribe shall submit an application to the
17 Attorney General at such time, in such manner, and ac-
18 companied by such information as the Attorney General
19 may require.

20 (f) ANNUAL REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than
21 November 30 of each year, the Attorney General shall sub-
22 mit a report to the Congress regarding the activities car-
23 ried out under this section. Each such report shall include,
24 for the preceding fiscal year, the number of grants funded
25 under this section, the amount of funds provided under

1 those grants, and the activities for which those funds were
2 used.

3 (g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
4 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
5 \$3,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2002 through 2006.

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