

107TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# S. 2431

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## AN ACT

To amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to ensure that chaplains killed in the line of duty receive public safety officer death benefits.

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 “Mychal Judge Police  
5       and Fire Chaplains Public Safety Officers’ Benefit Act of  
6       2002”.

1 **SEC. 2. BENEFITS FOR CHAPLAINS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1204 of the Omnibus  
3 Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C.  
4 3796b) is amended—

5 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (2) through  
6 (7) as (3) through (8), respectively;

7 (2) by inserting after paragraph (1) the fol-  
8 lowing:

9 “(2) ‘chaplain’ includes any individual serving  
10 as an officially recognized or designated member of  
11 a legally organized volunteer fire department or le-  
12 gally organized police department, or an officially  
13 recognized or designated public employee of a legally  
14 organized fire or police department who was re-  
15 sponding to a fire, rescue, or police emergency;”;  
16 and

17 (3) in subparagraph (A) of paragraph (8), as  
18 redesignated by paragraph (1), by inserting after  
19 “firefighter,” the following: “as a chaplain,”.

20 (b) ELIGIBLE BENEFICIARIES.—Section 1201(a) of  
21 such Act (42 U.S.C. 3796(a)) is amended—

22 (1) in paragraph (3), by striking “or” at the  
23 end;

24 (2) by redesignating paragraph (4) as para-  
25 graph (5); and

1           (3) by inserting after paragraph (3) the fol-  
2       lowing new paragraph:

3           “(4) if there is no surviving spouse or surviving  
4       child, to the individual designated by such officer as  
5       beneficiary under such officer’s most recently exe-  
6       cuted life insurance policy, provided that such indi-  
7       vidual survived such officer; or”.

8       (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
9       this section shall take effect on September 11, 2001, and  
10      shall apply to injuries or deaths that occur in the line of  
11      duty on or after such date.

Passed the Senate May 7, 2002.

Attest:

*Secretary.*



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