

109<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 1456

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 5, 2005

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania (for himself, Mr. HOYER, Mr. BOEHLERT, Mr. ANDREWS, and Mr. PASCRELL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## 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 “Christopher Kangas  
5       Fallen Firefighter Apprentice Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXPANSION OF DEFINITION OF FIREFIGHTER TO**  
2 **INCLUDE APPRENTICES AND TRAINEES.**

3 Section 1204(4) of the Omnibus Crime Control and  
4 Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3796b(4)) is amend-  
5 ed by inserting “, regardless of age, status as an appren-  
6 tice or trainee, or duty restrictions imposed because of age  
7 or status as an apprentice or trainee,” after “fire depart-  
8 ment”.

9 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

10 The amendment made by this Act shall apply with  
11 respect to deaths and injuries which occur on or after May  
12 4, 2002.

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