

113TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 5292

To provide public safety officer disability benefits to officers disabled before the enactment of the Federal public safety officer disability benefits law.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 30, 2014

Mr. REED (for himself and Ms. SLAUGHTER) 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 “Disabled Public Safety  
5 Officers Fairness Act of 2014”.

1 **SEC. 2. DISABILITY BENEFITS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY OFFI-**  
2 **CERS DISABLED BEFORE ENACTMENT OF**  
3 **PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER DISABILITY LAW.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1201(b) of the Omnibus  
5 Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C.  
6 3796(b)) is amended—

7 (1) by inserting after “determines that a public  
8 safety officer has” the following: “, whether before,  
9 on, or after the date of the enactment of this part,”;  
10 and

11 (2) by adding at the end the following new sen-  
12 tence: “In the case of a public safety officer seeking  
13 a benefit under the previous sentence on the basis  
14 of having been permanently and totally disabled as  
15 the direct result of a catastrophic injury sustained in  
16 the line of duty before the date of the enactment of  
17 this part, such officer may file a claim under this  
18 subsection during the same period that would be ap-  
19 plicable to such an officer so disabled after the date  
20 of the enactment of this part, except that in lieu of  
21 such a period beginning on the date of the injury  
22 such period shall begin on the date of the enactment  
23 of the Disabled Public Safety Officers Fairness Act  
24 of 2014.”.

1           (b) APPLICABILITY.—The amendments made by sub-  
2 section (a) apply to any public safety officer alive on or  
3 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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