

107TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 5334

AN ACT

To ensure that a public safety officer who suffers a fatal heart attack or stroke while on duty shall be presumed to have died in the line of duty for purposes of public safety officer survivor benefits.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Hometown Heroes
3 Survivors Benefits Act of 2002”.

4 **SEC. 2. FATAL HEART ATTACK OR STROKE ON DUTY PRE-**
5 **SUMED TO BE DEATH IN LINE OF DUTY FOR**
6 **PURPOSES OF PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER SUR-**
7 **VIVOR BENEFITS.**

8 Section 1201 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe
9 Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3796) is amended by add-
10 ing at the end the following new subsection:

11 “(k) For purposes of this section, if a public safety
12 officer dies as the direct and proximate result of a heart
13 attack or stroke suffered while on duty or within 24 hours
14 after participating in a training exercise or responding to
15 an emergency situation, that officer shall be presumed to
16 have died as the direct and proximate result of a personal
17 injury sustained in the line of duty.”.

1 **SEC. 3. APPLICABILITY.**

2 Subsection (k) of section 1201 of such Act (as added
3 by section 2) shall apply to deaths occurring on or after
4 January 1, 2002.

 Passed the House of Representatives November 15
(legislative day, November 14), 2002.

Attest:

Clerk.

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