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H. R. 3367

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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 4, 2011

Mr. TOWNS 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 2011".

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

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

(1) by inserting after "determines that a public safety officer has" the following: ", whether before, on, or after the date of the enactment of this Act,";
and

(2) by adding at the end the following new sentence: "In the case of a public safety officer seeking a benefit under the previous sentence on the basis of having been permanently and totally disabled as the direct result of a catastrophic injury sustained in the line of duty before the date of the enactment of this Act, such officer may file a claim under this subsection during the same period that would be applicable to such an officer so disabled after the date of the enactment of this Act, except that in lieu of such a period beginning on the date of the injury such period shall begin on the date of the enactment of the Disabled Public Safety Officers Fairness Act of 2011.".

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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