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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 “Age Discrimination
5 in Employment Amendments of 1993”.

1 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS.**

2 Section 4(j)(1) of the Age Discrimination in Employ-
3 ment Act of 1967 (29 U.S.C. 623(j)(1)) is amended by
4 striking “attained the age” and all that follows through
5 “1983, and”, and inserting the following:

6 “attained—

7 “(A) the age of hiring or retirement in ef-
8 fect under applicable State or local law on
9 March 3, 1983; or

10 “(B) if the age of retirement was not in ef-
11 fect under applicable State or local law on
12 March 3, 1983, 55 years of age; and”.

13 **SEC. 3. REPEALER.**

14 Section 3(b) of the Age Discrimination in Employ-
15 ment Amendments of 1986 (29 U.S.C. 623 note) is
16 repealed.

17 **SEC. 4. STUDY AND GUIDELINES FOR PERFORMANCE**
18 **TESTS.**

19 (a) STUDY.—Not later than 3 years after the date
20 of enactment of this Act, the Chairman of the Equal Em-
21 ployment Opportunity Commission (in this section re-
22 ferred to as “the Chairman”) shall conduct, directly or
23 by contract, a study that will include—

24 (1) a list and description of all tests available
25 for the assessment of abilities important for comple-

1 tion of public safety tasks performed by law enforce-
2 ment officers and firefighters,

3 (2) a list of such public safety tasks for which
4 adequate tests do not exist,

5 (3) a description of the technical characteristics
6 that performance tests must meet to be compatible
7 with applicable Federal civil rights Acts and policies,

8 (4) a description of the alternative methods
9 available for determining minimally acceptable per-
10 formance standards on the tests described in para-
11 graph (1),

12 (5) a description of the administrative stand-
13 ards that should be met in the administration, scor-
14 ing, and score interpretation of the tests described
15 in paragraph (1), and

16 (6) an examination of the extent to which the
17 tests described in paragraph (1) are cost effective,
18 safe, and comply with Federal civil rights Acts and
19 regulations.

20 (b) ADVISORY GUIDELINES.—Not later than 4 years
21 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Chairman shall
22 develop and issue, based on the results of the study re-
23 quired by subsection (a), advisory guidelines for the ad-
24 ministration and use of physical and mental fitness tests
25 to measure the ability and competency of law enforcement

1 officers and firefighters to perform the requirements of
2 their jobs.

3 (c) CONSULTATION REQUIREMENT; OPPORTUNITY
4 FOR PUBLIC COMMENT.—(1) The Chairman shall, during
5 the conduct of the study required by subsection (a), con-
6 sult with—

7 (A) the United States Fire Administration,

8 (B) the Federal Emergency Management
9 Agency,

10 (C) organizations that represent law enforce-
11 ment officers, firefighters, and their employers, and

12 (D) organizations that represent older individ-
13 uals.

14 (2) Before issuing the advisory guidelines required in
15 subsection (b), the Chairman shall allow for public com-
16 ment on the proposed guidelines.

17 (d) DEVELOPMENT OF STANDARDS FOR WELLNESS
18 PROGRAMS.—Not later than 2 years after the date of the
19 enactment of this Act, the Chairman shall propose advi-
20 sory standards for wellness programs for law enforcement
21 officers and firefighters.

1 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
2 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
3 \$5,000,000.

Passed the House of Representatives November 8,
1993.

Attest:

Clerk.