

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

# H. R. 3297

To amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to ensure that chaplains killed in the line of duty receive public safety officer death benefits.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 15, 2001

Mr. MANZULLO (for himself and Mr. NADLER) 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 “Mychal Judge Police  
5 and Fire Chaplains Public Safety Officers’ Benefit Act of  
6 2001”.

1 **SEC. 2. BENEFITS FOR CHAPLAINS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1204 of the Omnibus  
3 Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C.  
4 3796b) is amended—

5 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (2) through  
6 (7) as (3) through (8), respectively;

7 (2) by inserting after paragraph (1) the fol-  
8 lowing:

9 “(2) ‘chaplain’ means any individual serving as  
10 an officially recognized or designated member of a  
11 legally organized volunteer fire department or legally  
12 organized police department, or an officially recog-  
13 nized or designated public employee of a legally or-  
14 ganized fire or police department who was respond-  
15 ing to a fire, rescue, or police emergency;” and

16 (3) in subparagraph (A) of paragraph (8), as  
17 redesignated by paragraph (1), by inserting after  
18 “firefighter,” the following: “as a chaplain,”.

19 (b) ELIGIBLE BENEFICIARIES.—Section 1201(a) of  
20 such Act (42 U.S.C. 3796(a)) is amended—

21 (1) in paragraph (3), by striking “or” at the  
22 end;

23 (2) by redesignating paragraph (4) as para-  
24 graph (5); and

25 (3) by inserting after paragraph (3) the fol-  
26 lowing new paragraph:

1           “(4) if there is no surviving spouse or surviving  
2           child, to the person designated by such officer as  
3           beneficiary under such officer’s most recently exe-  
4           cuted life insurance policy, provided that such per-  
5           son survived such officer; or”.

6           (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
7           this section shall take effect on September 11, 2001, and  
8           shall apply to injuries or deaths that occur in the line of  
9           duty on or after such date.

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