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# H. R. 1236

To amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to include certain retired law enforcement officers in the public safety officers' death benefits program.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 12, 2025

Mr. BARR (for himself and Mr. GOLDMAN of New York) 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 “Chief Herbert D.  
5 Proffitt Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. INCLUSION OF CERTAIN RETIRED PUBLIC SAFETY**  
2 **OFFICERS IN THE PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS'**  
3 **DEATH BENEFITS PROGRAM.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1201 of the Omnibus  
5 Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C.  
6 10281) is amended by adding at the end the following:

7 “(p) PERSONAL INJURY TO RETIRED LAW ENFORCE-  
8 MENT OFFICER.—

9 “(1) IN GENERAL.—A retired law enforcement  
10 officer shall be eligible for a benefit under this part  
11 if the officer died or become permanently and totally  
12 disabled as the direct and proximate result of a per-  
13 sonal injury resulting from a targeted attack be-  
14 cause of the retired law enforcement officer’s service  
15 as a law enforcement officer.

16 “(2) RETIRED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER  
17 DEFINED.—In this subsection, the term ‘retired law  
18 enforcement officer’ means an individual who sepa-  
19 rated from service, in good standing, as a law en-  
20 forcement officer, in an official capacity at a public  
21 agency, with or without compensation.”.

22 (b) RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-  
24 graph (2), the amendments made by this section  
25 shall—

1 (A) take effect on the date of enactment of  
2 this Act; and

3 (B) apply to any matter pending, before  
4 the Bureau of Justice Assistance or otherwise,  
5 on the date of enactment of this Act, or filed  
6 (consistent with pre-existing effective dates) or  
7 accruing after that date.

8 (2) EXCEPTIONS.—The amendments made by  
9 this section shall apply to any action taken against  
10 a retired law enforcement officer described in section  
11 1201(p) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe  
12 Streets Act of 1968 (as added by this Act) that oc-  
13 curred on or after August 28, 2012.

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