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To amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 to expand coverage under such Act to public employees.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. LUJÁN, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. BALDWIN, and Mr. SCHIFF) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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 “Public Service Worker
5 Protection Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. COVERAGE OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3(5) of the Occupational
8 Safety and Health Act of 1970 (29 U.S.C. 652(5)) is
9 amended by striking “but does not include” and all that

1 follows through the period at the end and inserting “in-
2 cluding the United States, a State, or a political subdivi-
3 sion of a State.”.

4 (b) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this Act
5 shall be construed to affect the application of section 18
6 of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (29
7 U.S.C. 667).

8 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2),
10 this Act and the amendment made by this Act, shall
11 take effect on the date that is 90 days after the date
12 of enactment of this Act.

13 (2) EXCEPTION FOR STATES AND POLITICAL
14 SUBDIVISIONS.—This Act, and the amendment made
15 by this Act, shall take effect on the date that is 36
16 months after the date of enactment of this Act with
17 respect to a workplace of a State, or a political sub-
18 division of a State, that does not have a State plan
19 approved under section 18 of the Occupational Safe-
20 ty and Health Act of 1970 (29 U.S.C. 667).

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