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Hometown Heroes Survivors Benefits Act of 2003

Congress: 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

Introduced: Feb 26, 2003

Current Status: Became Public Law No: 108-182.

Latest Action: Became Public Law No: 108-182. (Dec 15, 2003)

Law: 108-182 (Enacted Dec 15, 2003)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/108th-congress/senate-bill/459>

Sponsor

Name: Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]

Party: Democratic • **State:** VT • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (17 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Clinton, Hillary Rodham [D-NY]	D · NY		Feb 26, 2003
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Feb 26, 2003
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Feb 26, 2003
Sen. Graham, Lindsey [R-SC]	R · SC		Feb 26, 2003
Sen. Jeffords, James M. [I-VT]	I · VT		Feb 26, 2003
Sen. Landrieu, Mary L. [D-LA]	D · LA		Feb 26, 2003
Sen. Nelson, Bill [D-FL]	D · FL		Feb 26, 2003
Sen. Sarbanes, Paul S. [D-MD]	D · MD		Feb 26, 2003
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Feb 26, 2003
Sen. Snowe, Olympia J. [R-ME]	R · ME		Feb 26, 2003
Sen. Kohl, Herb [D-WI]	D · WI		Mar 11, 2003
Sen. Smith, Gordon H. [R-OR]	R · OR		Mar 21, 2003
Sen. Dayton, Mark [D-MN]	D · MN		Apr 30, 2003
Sen. Kennedy, Edward M. [D-MA]	D · MA		Apr 30, 2003
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Apr 30, 2003
Sen. Miller, Zell [D-GA]	D · GA		Jun 4, 2003
Sen. Kerry, John F. [D-MA]	D · MA		Jun 16, 2003

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Discharged From	May 16, 2003
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 25, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 HR 919	Related bill	Sep 9, 2003: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR 8065-8066)

Summary (as of Dec 15, 2003)

Hometown Heroes Survivors Benefits Act of 2003 - Amends the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to provide that a public safety officer who dies as the direct and proximate result of a heart attack or stroke shall be presumed to have died as the result of a personal injury sustained in the line of duty, for purposes of survivor benefits, if: (1) that officer, while on duty, engaged in a situation involving non-routine stressful or strenuous physical law enforcement, fire suppression, rescue, hazardous material response, emergency medical services, prison security, disaster relief, or other emergency response activity or participated in a training exercise that involved non-routine stressful or strenuous physical activity; (2) that officer died as a result of a heart attack or stroke suffered while participating, while still on duty after participating, or not later than 24 hours after participating in such activity; and (3) such presumption is not overcome by competent medical evidence to the contrary.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 15, 2003:** Signed by President.
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- **Dec 15, 2003:** Became Public Law No: 108-182.
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- **Dec 3, 2003:** Presented to President.
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- **Nov 26, 2003:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Nov 25, 2003:** Resolving differences -- Senate actions: Senate agreed to House amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S16052-16053; text as Senate agreed to House amendment: CR S16052)
- **Nov 25, 2003:** Senate agreed to House amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S16052-16053; text as Senate agreed to House amendment: CR S16052)
- **Nov 22, 2003:** Mr. DeLay asked unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table and consider.
- **Nov 22, 2003:** Considered by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR 11/21/2003 H12299-12300)
- **Nov 22, 2003:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed without objection.
- **Nov 22, 2003:** On passage Passed without objection.
- **Nov 22, 2003:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Nov 22, 2003:** Message on House action received in Senate and at desk: House amendment to Senate bill.
- **Jun 25, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
- **May 19, 2003:** Received in the House.
- **May 19, 2003:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **May 19, 2003:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
- **May 16, 2003:** Senate Committee on the Judiciary discharged by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR 5/15/2003 S6567-6568)
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- **May 16, 2003:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(text: CR 5/15/2003 S6568)
- **May 16, 2003:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (text: CR 5/15/2003 S6568)
- **Feb 26, 2003:** Introduced in Senate
- **Feb 26, 2003:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S2855-2856)
- **Feb 26, 2003:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S2856)