

HR 5123

HERO Benefits Reform Act of 2016

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Pascrell, Bill, Jr. [D-NJ-9]

Party: Democratic • State: NJ • Chamber: House

Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Courtney, Joe [D-CT-2]	D · CT		Apr 29, 2016
Rep. Meehan, Patrick [R-PA-7]	R · PA		Apr 29, 2016
Rep. Reichert, David G. [R-WA-8]	R · WA		Apr 29, 2016
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Michael G. [R-PA-8]	R · PA		May 12, 2016

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	May 17, 2016

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

## **Honoring Emergency Response Officers Benefits Reform Act of 2016 or the HERO Benefits Reform Act of 2016**

This bill amends the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to establish, with respect to a public safety officer's death benefits, a rebuttable presumption that: (1) the officer acted properly at the time of injury or death, and (2) specified limitations on the officer's benefits do not apply.

The bill also extends such benefits to fire police officers and fire investigators.

In addition, with respect to an appeal of a determination to deny such benefits, the bill: (1) specifies that the standard of review shall be *de novo* (without deference to the determination), and (2) establishes certain exceptions to administrative exhaustion limitations.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **May 17, 2016:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.
- **Apr 29, 2016:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 29, 2016:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.