

HR 6943

Public Safety Officer Support Act of 2022

Congress: 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

Introduced: Mar 7, 2022

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Law: 117-172 (Enacted Aug 16, 2022)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/6943>

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Party: Democratic • **State:** MD • **Chamber:** House

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| Rep. Blunt Rochester, Lisa [D-DE-At Large] | D · DE | | May 17, 2022 |
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Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Judiciary Committee | House | Reported By | May 18, 2022 |
| Judiciary Committee | Senate | Discharged From | Aug 1, 2022 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 117 S 3635 | Identical bill | Jun 14, 2022: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 420. |

Summary (as of Aug 16, 2022)

Public Safety Officer Support Act of 2022

This act extends death and disability benefits under the Public Safety Officers' Benefits (PSOB) program to certain public safety officers and survivors of public safety officers who suffer or suffered from post-traumatic stress disorder, acute stress disorder, or trauma and stress-related disorders following an exposure to one or more traumatic events while on duty. The PSOB program provides death, disability, and education benefits to public safety officers and survivors of public safety officers who die or become disabled as a direct and proximate result of a personal injury in the line of duty.

The act specifies that post-traumatic stress disorder, acute stress disorder, or trauma and stress-related disorders suffered by a public safety officer following an exposure to a traumatic event while on duty constitutes a personal injury in the line of duty if exposure to the traumatic event was a substantial factor in the disorder.

Further, for the purposes of death and disability benefits, the act creates a presumption that an officer's death or permanent disability was directly caused by a personal injury in the line of duty if the officer took an action intended to bring about his or her death and exposure to a traumatic event was a substantial factor in that action or that action occurred within 45 days of an exposure and was consistent with a psychiatric disorder.

Finally, the act requires the Government Accountability Office to report on the details of benefits issued pursuant to this act, including recommendations to improve the PSOB program.

Actions Timeline

- **Aug 16, 2022:** Signed by President.
- **Aug 16, 2022:** Became Public Law No: 117-172.
- **Aug 15, 2022:** Presented to President.
- **Aug 2, 2022:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Aug 1, 2022:** Senate Committee on the Judiciary discharged by Unanimous Consent.
- **Aug 1, 2022:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S3826)
- **Aug 1, 2022:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S3826)
- **May 19, 2022:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
- **May 18, 2022:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Judiciary. H. Rept. 117-335.
- **May 18, 2022:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 252.
- **May 18, 2022:** Mr. Cohen moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **May 18, 2022:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H5120-5123; text: CR H5120-5121)
- **May 18, 2022:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 6943.
- **May 18, 2022:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **May 18, 2022:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H5167-5168)
- **May 18, 2022:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays (2/3 required): 402 - 17 (Roll No. 223).
- **May 18, 2022:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays (2/3 required): 402 - 17 (Roll No. 223).
- **May 18, 2022:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **May 11, 2022:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **May 11, 2022:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Mar 7, 2022:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 7, 2022:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.