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H. R. 4997

To direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to exempt immediate relatives of deceased or injured firefighters and law enforcement officers, and injured firefighters and law enforcement officers, from certain fees, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 10, 2021

Mr. GIMENEZ (for himself and Mr. WALTZ) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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 “Fallen First-Respond-
5 ers’ Family Naturalization Fee-Relief Act of 2021”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXEMPTION OF FEES FOR IMMEDIATE RELATIVES**
2 **OF DECEASED OR INJURED FIREFIGHTERS**
3 **AND LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the
5 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Home-
6 land Security shall include on a certain application or peti-
7 tion an opportunity for—

8 (1) an immediate relative of a deceased or in-
9 jured firefighter or law enforcement officer to iden-
10 tify themselves as such a relative; and

11 (2) an injured firefighter or law enforcement of-
12 ficer to identify themselves as such an individual.

13 (b) FEE EXEMPTION.—The Secretary shall exempt
14 an individual described in subsection (a), who identifies
15 as such an individual on a certain application or petition,
16 from a fee with respect to a certain application or petition
17 and any associated fee for biometrics.

18 (c) PENDING APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS.—The
19 Secretary of Homeland Security may waive fees for a cer-
20 tain application or petition and any associated fee for bio-
21 metrics for an individual described in subsection (a), if
22 such application or petition is submitted not more than
23 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

24 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

25 (1) DECEASED OR INJURED FIREFIGHTER OR
26 LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER.—

1 (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “deceased or
2 injured firefighter or law enforcement officer”
3 means a firefighter or law enforcement officer
4 who died or was permanently and totally dis-
5 abled as the direct and proximate result of a
6 personal injury sustained in the line of duty.

7 (B) DETERMINATION.—The Secretary of
8 Homeland Security may make the determina-
9 tion of whether a firefighter or law enforcement
10 officer died or was permanently and totally dis-
11 abled as a direct and proximate result of a per-
12 sonal injury sustained in the line of duty in ac-
13 cordance with part L of title I of the Omnibus
14 Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968
15 (34 U.S.C. 10281 et seq.).

16 (2) CERTAIN APPLICATION OR PETITION.—The
17 term “certain application or petition” means—

18 (A) an application using Form–400, Appli-
19 cation for Naturalization (or any successor
20 form); or

21 (B) a petition using Form I–360, Petition
22 for Amerasian, Widow(er), or Special Immi-
23 grant (or any successor form).

24 (3) IMMEDIATE RELATIVE.—The term “imme-
25 diate relative” has the meaning given such term in

1 section 201(b) of the Immigration and Nationality
2 Act (8 U.S.C. 1151(b)).

3 (4) FIREFIGHTER; LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFI-
4 CER.—The terms “firefighter” and “law enforce-
5 ment officer” have the meanings given such terms in
6 section 1204 of the Omnibus Crime Control and
7 Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10284).

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