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1ST SESSION

# S. 829

To reauthorize the Assistance to Firefighters Grants program, the Fire Prevention and Safety Grants program, and the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response grant program, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 5 (legislative day, APRIL 4), 2017

Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. TESTER, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. CARPER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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## A BILL

To reauthorize the Assistance to Firefighters Grants program, the Fire Prevention and Safety Grants program, and the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response grant program, and for other purposes.

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 “AFG and SAFER Pro-  
5       gram Reauthorization Act of 2017”.

1 **SEC. 2. REAUTHORIZATION OF ASSISTANCE TO FIRE-**  
2 **FIGHTERS GRANTS PROGRAM AND THE FIRE**  
3 **PREVENTION AND SAFETY GRANTS PRO-**  
4 **GRAM.**

5 (a) REPEAL OF SUNSET.—Section 33 of the Federal  
6 Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 (Public Law 93–  
7 498; 15 U.S.C. 2229) is amended by striking subsection  
8 (r).

9 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Sub-  
10 section (q)(1)(B) of such section is amended by striking  
11 “2017” and inserting “2023”.

12 (c) AUTHORIZATION FOR CERTAIN TRAINING UNDER  
13 ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANTS PROGRAM.—  
14 Subsection (c)(3) of such section is amended by adding  
15 at the end the following:

16 “(N) To provide specialized training to  
17 firefighters, paramedics, emergency medical  
18 service workers, and other first responders to  
19 recognize individuals who have mental illness  
20 and how to properly intervene with individuals  
21 with mental illness, including strategies for  
22 verbal de-escalation of crisis.”.

1 **SEC. 3. REAUTHORIZATION OF STAFFING FOR ADEQUATE**  
 2 **FIRE AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE GRANT**  
 3 **PROGRAM.**

4 (a) REPEAL OF SUNSET.—Section 34 of the Federal  
 5 Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 (Public Law 93–  
 6 498; 15 U.S.C. 2229a) is amended by striking subsection  
 7 (k).

8 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Sub-  
 9 section (j)(1)(I) of such section is amended, in the matter  
 10 before clause (i), by striking “2017” and inserting  
 11 “2023”.

12 (c) MODIFICATION OF APPLICATION REQUIRE-  
 13 MENTS.—Subsection (b)(3)(B) of such section is amended  
 14 by striking “of subsection (a)(1)(B)(ii) and (F)” and in-  
 15 serting “of subsection (a)(1)(F)”.

16 (d) MODIFICATION OF LIMITATION.—Subsection  
 17 (c)(2) of such section is amended by striking “prior to No-  
 18 vember 24, 2003” and inserting “prior to the date of the  
 19 application for the grant”.

20 (e) MODIFICATION OF WAIVER AUTHORITY.—Sub-  
 21 section (d)(1)(B) of such section is amended by striking  
 22 “subsection (a)(1)(E) or subsection (c)(2)” and inserting  
 23 “subsection (a)(1)(E), (c)(2), or (c)(4)”.

24 (f) REPEAL OF AUTHORITY FOR CERTAIN USE OF  
 25 GRANT AMOUNTS TRANSFERRED TO ASSISTANCE TO  
 26 FIREFIGHTERS GRANTS PROGRAM.—Subsection (a)(1)(B)

- 1 of such section is amended by striking “and to provide”
- 2 and all that follows through “of crises”.

