

117TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 7203

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 24, 2022

Mr. CHABOT (for himself and Ms. SPANBERGER) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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 “Wally Bunker
5 Healthcare Enhancement for Local Public Safety Retirees
6 Improvement Act of 2022” or the “HELPS Retirees Im-
7 provement Act of 2022”.

1 **SEC. 2. INCREASE IN AMOUNT EXCLUDED FROM GROSS IN-**
2 **COME BY REASON OF DISTRIBUTIONS FROM**
3 **GOVERNMENTAL RETIREMENT PLANS FOR**
4 **HEALTH AND LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE**
5 **FOR PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS.**

6 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Paragraph (2) of section 402(l)
7 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by strik-
8 ing “\$3,000” and inserting “\$6,000”.

9 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by
10 paragraph (1) shall apply to distributions in taxable years
11 beginning after December 31, 2021.

12 **SEC. 3. REPEAL OF DIRECT PAYMENT REQUIREMENT ON**
13 **EXCLUSION FROM GROSS INCOME OF DIS-**
14 **TRIBUTIONS FROM GOVERNMENTAL PLANS**
15 **FOR HEALTH AND LONG-TERM CARE INSUR-**
16 **ANCE.**

17 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 402(l)(5) of the Internal
18 Revenue Code of 1986 is amended to read as follows:

19 “(5) **AGGREGATION RULE.**—For purposes of
20 this subsection, all eligible retirement plans of an
21 employer shall be treated as a single plan.”.

22 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by
23 this section shall apply to distributions made after the
24 date of the enactment of this Act.