

118TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 9606

To amend the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 to expand the eligibility of certain recipients for SAFER grants, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 16, 2024

Mr. LANDSMAN (for himself and Mr. CAREY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology

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## 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 “Enhancing SAFER  
5 Grants for Local Firefighters Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. EXPANDED ELIGIBILITY FOR SAFER GRANTS.**

7 Section 34 of the Federal Fire Prevention and Con-  
8 trol Act of 1974 (15 U.S.C. 2229a) is amended—

9 (1) in subsection (a)(1)—

1 (A) in subparagraph (A), by inserting “re-  
2 taining or” before “increasing the number”;

3 (B) in subparagraph (B), by inserting “re-  
4 tain or” before “hire new”; and

5 (C) in subparagraph (F), by inserting “re-  
6 tained or” before “hired”;

7 (2) in subsection (b)—

8 (A) in paragraph (3)(D), by inserting “re-  
9 tain,” before “seek,”; and

10 (B) by adding at the end the following new  
11 paragraph:

12 “(4) In making a grant under this section, the Ad-  
13 ministrator of FEMA may permit an applicant for such  
14 a grant to amend a submitted application in lieu of cre-  
15 ating a new application, for consideration for funding for  
16 up to five subsequent years after the original application  
17 was submitted for consideration for funding if such appli-  
18 cant was not awarded a grant pursuant to such original  
19 application.”; and

20 (3) in subsection (c)(1)—

21 (A) by inserting “, bonuses,” after “sala-  
22 ries”; and

23 (B) by inserting “retain or” before “hire”.

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