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113TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 3979

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. BARLETTA (for himself and [see ATTACHED LIST of cosponsors]) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on

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 “Protecting Volunteer
5 Firefighters and Emergency Responders Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EMERGENCY SERVICES VOLUNTEERS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 4980H(c) of the Internal
3 Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by redesignating para-
4 graphs (5), (6), and (7) as paragraphs (6), (7), and (8),
5 respectively, and by inserting after paragraph (4) the fol-
6 lowing new paragraph:

7 “(5) SPECIAL RULE FOR CERTAIN EMERGENCY
8 SERVICES VOLUNTEERS.—Any qualified service ren-
9 dered as a bona fide volunteer to an eligible em-
10 ployer shall not be taken into account under this
11 section as a service provided by an employee. For
12 purposes of the preceding sentence, the terms ‘quali-
13 fied service’, ‘bona fide volunteer’, and ‘eligible em-
14 ployer’ shall have the respective meanings given such
15 terms under section 457(e).”

16 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
17 this section shall apply to months beginning after Decem-
18 ber 31, 2013.