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At the end of subtitle C of title XVII, insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. 17___ . CERTAIN STATE SERVICE APPLICABLE FOR**
2 **FEDERAL FIREFIGHTERS WORKER'S COM-**
3 **PENSATION.**

4 Section 8143b(b) of title 5, United States Code, is
5 amended by adding at the end the following new para-
6 graph:

7 “(4) RECLASSIFIED FIREFIGHTERS.—

8 “(A) IN GENERAL.—For the purposes of
9 determining the aggregate number of years an
10 individual has been employed as an employee in
11 fire protection activities under paragraph (1),
12 all periods in which such individual is or was
13 employed in a reclassified State position are
14 deemed to be periods in which such individual
15 was employed as an employee in fire protection
16 activities if such individual is or was appointed
17 to a position as an employee in fire protection
18 activities established by the Federal Govern-

1 ment to perform the duties and responsibilities
2 performed for the Federal Government by a re-
3 classified State position.

4 “(B) DEFINITIONS.—In this paragraph:

5 “(i) COVERED STATE EMPLOYEE PO-
6 SITION.—The term ‘covered State em-
7 ployee position’ means a position in which
8 the individual holding such position is em-
9 ployed as a covered State employee.

10 “(ii) EMPLOYED AS A COVERED
11 STATE EMPLOYEE.—The term ‘employed
12 as a covered State employee’ means an in-
13 dividual employed by a State or political
14 subdivision thereof as a firefighter (includ-
15 ing a wildland firefighter), paramedic,
16 emergency medical technician, rescue
17 worker, ambulance personnel, or hazardous
18 material worker who—

19 “(I) is trained in fire suppres-
20 sion;

21 “(II) has the legal authority and
22 responsibility to engage in fire sup-
23 pression;

24 “(III) is engaged in the preven-
25 tion, control, or extinguishment of

1 fires or response to emergency situa-
2 tions in which life, property, or the
3 environment is at risk, including the
4 prevention, control, suppression, or
5 management of wildland fires; and

6 “(IV) performs the activities de-
7 scribed in subclause (III) as a pri-
8 mary responsibility of the job of the
9 employee.

10 “(iii) RECLASSIFIED STATE POSI-
11 TION.—The term ‘reclassified State posi-
12 tion’ means a covered State employee posi-
13 tion for which the Federal Government es-
14 tablishes or established a position as an
15 employee in fire protection activities to
16 perform the duties and responsibilities per-
17 formed for the Federal Government by
18 such covered State employee position.”.

