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KENTUCKY DO WE HAVE TO WAIT BEFORE ENACTING OUR OWN

“SHIB’S LAW”

At the age of 43, James “Shib” Miller, was killed in the line of duty doing what he loves most... being a part of his beloved fire department. Miller was rolling hoses from a truck fire on Interstate 57 when a Greyhound bus failed to slow down for the roadside emergency and he was hit and killed. His family was devastated, but now, they know that Miller’s life could save others. Illinois Governor Rod Blagojevich signed Bill 2488 into Illinois state law so that firefighters statewide would now be able to shut down Interstates and Highways when called to a scene.

Miller’s family, with the help of Senator Gary Forby and Representative John Bradley, championed the petition for months before it finally passed. They are all very relieved now that there is some sort of tribute to their lost father, husband, brother, uncle, friend, and comrade. The family had a lot of support in their battle. The petition even got some signatures from as far north as Chicago. Now, all the family wants is to do their best to make sure that no other family has to suffer as badly as they had to.

But how many other states have made an effort to protect their own firefighters in a way such as this? Those firefighters that so unselfishly put themselves in harm’s way

when duty calls? A few hours of a closed off road is a much better price to pay than to have our heroes injured and/or killed while serving their community. Our firefighters are close to our hearts and we'd most certainly be a mess without them.

The earlier Illinois Law, Scott's Law, apparently hasn't done enough to ensure the safety of our emergency responders. Anyone who hits a state worker will have to pay up to ten thousand dollars and serve fourteen years in jail. Scott's Law mandates that you move over to the opposite lane from where a Police Stop or Emergency Responder is working.

Shib's law will benefit every emergency worker in the long run and it would greatly benefit other states if it were passed there as well. Not only would it protect the workers responding to the scene, but it would also protect the possibility of more broken hearts and devastated families.

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