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To amend chapter 4 of title 39, United States Code, to allow postal patrons to contribute to funding for organ and tissue donation awareness through the voluntary purchase of certain specially issued United States postage stamps.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 1, 2000

Mrs. MORELLA (for herself, Mrs. THURMAN, Mr. MOAKLEY, and Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform

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. SPECIAL POSTAGE STAMPS TO BENEFIT**
4 **ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATION AWARENESS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 4 of title 39, United
6 States Code, is amended by inserting after section 414 the
7 following:

1 **“§ 414a. Special postage stamps for organ and tissue**
2 **donation awareness**

3 “(a) In order to afford the public a convenient way
4 to contribute to funding for organ and tissue donation
5 awareness, the Postal Service shall establish a special rate
6 of postage for first-class mail under this section.

7 “(b) The rate of postage established under this
8 section—

9 “(1) shall be equal to the regular first-class rate
10 of postage, plus a differential of not to exceed 25
11 percent;

12 “(2) shall be set by the Governors in accord-
13 ance with such procedures as the Governors shall by
14 regulation prescribe (in lieu of the procedures under
15 chapter 36); and

16 “(3) shall be offered as an alternative to the
17 regular first-class rate of postage.

18 “(c) The use of the special rate of postage established
19 under this section shall be voluntary on the part of postal
20 patrons.

21 “(d)(1) The Postal Service shall pay the amounts be-
22 coming available for organ and tissue donation awareness
23 under this section to the Department of Health and
24 Human Services for organ and tissue donation awareness
25 programs. Payments under this paragraph to the Depart-
26 ment of Health and Human Services shall be made under

1 such arrangements as the Postal Service shall by mutual
2 agreement with the Department establish in order to carry
3 out the purposes of this section, except that, under those
4 arrangements, payments to the Department shall be made
5 at least twice a year. In consultation with donor organiza-
6 tions and other members of the transplant community, the
7 Department of Health and Human Services may make any
8 funds paid to the Department under this section available
9 to donor organizations and other members of the trans-
10 plant community for donor awareness programs.

11 “(2) For purposes of this section, the term ‘amounts
12 becoming available for organ and tissue donation aware-
13 ness under this section’ means—

14 “(A) the total amounts received by the Postal
15 Service that it would not have received but for the
16 enactment of this section, reduced by

17 “(B) an amount sufficient to cover reasonable
18 costs incurred by the Postal Service in carrying out
19 this section, including those attributable to the
20 printing, sale, and distribution of stamps under this
21 section,

22 as determined by the Postal Service under regulations that
23 the Postal Service shall prescribe.

24 “(e) It is the sense of Congress that nothing in this
25 section should—

1 “(1) directly or indirectly cause a net decrease
2 in total funds received by the Department of Health
3 and Human Services or any other agency of the
4 Government (or any component or program thereof)
5 below the level that would otherwise have been re-
6 ceived but for the enactment of this section; or

7 “(2) affect regular first-class rates of postage
8 or any other regular rates of postage.

9 “(f) Special postage stamps under this section shall
10 be made available to the public beginning on such date
11 as the Postal Service shall by regulation prescribe, but in
12 no event later than 12 months after the date of the enact-
13 ment of this section.

14 “(g) The Postmaster General shall include in each
15 report rendered under section 2402 with respect to any
16 period during any portion of which this section is in effect
17 information concerning the operation of this section, ex-
18 cept that, at a minimum, each shall include—

19 “(1) the total amount described in subsection
20 (d)(2)(A) which was received by the Postal Service
21 during the period covered by such report; and

22 “(2) of the amount under paragraph (1), how
23 much (in the aggregate and by category) was re-
24 quired for the purposes described in subsection
25 (d)(2)(B).

