

106TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 4193

To provide double damages for malicious, frivolous, or vexatious suits against Federal law enforcement officers surviving widows and widowers.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 5, 2000

Mr. ROGAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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 “Charles A. Lazzaretto
5 Peace Officer Widows and Widowers Protection Act of
6 1999”.

7 **SEC. 2. RECOVERY OF DAMAGES.**

8 Whoever maliciously, frivolously, or vexatiously files
9 a civil action against the surviving widow or widower of
10 a Federal law enforcement officer, arising out of the con-

1 duct of that officer in the course of duty as such, shall
2 be liable to such widow or widower in a civil action for
3 damages and any other appropriate relief. Damages shall
4 include twice the costs of defending against that civil ac-
5 tion.

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