

117TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 412

To prohibit the payment of death gratuities to the surviving heirs of deceased Members of Congress.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 21, 2021

Mr. POSEY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

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## 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. PROHIBITING PAYMENT OF GRATUITIES TO**  
4 **SURVIVORS OF MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.**

5 (a) PROHIBITION.—No payment may be made from  
6 the applicable accounts of the House of Representatives,  
7 the contingent fund of the Senate, or any other appro-  
8 priated funds for a death gratuity payment to the widow,  
9 widower, or heirs-at-law of any Member of Congress who

1 dies after the commencement of the Congress to which the  
2 Member has been elected.

3 (b) NO EFFECT ON OTHER PAYMENTS TO SUR-  
4 VIVORS.—Nothing in subsection (a) shall be construed to  
5 prohibit or affect the payment to any individual of any  
6 unpaid balance or salary or other sums due to a Member  
7 of Congress who dies after the commencement of the Con-  
8 gress to which the Member has been elected.

9 **SEC. 2. DEFINITION.**

10 For purposes of this Act, a “Member of Congress”  
11 means a Senator or a Representative in, or Delegate or  
12 Resident Commissioner to, the Congress.

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