

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 412

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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 21, 2021

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

A BILL

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heirs of deceased Members of Congress.

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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