

113TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3352

To amend the Honoring the Families of Fallen Soldiers Act to provide a permanent appropriation of funds for the payment of death gratuities and related benefits for survivors of deceased military service members in event of any future period of lapsed appropriations.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 28, 2013

Mr. CONNOLLY (for himself and Mr. ROONEY) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Appropriations

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. PERMANENT APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR**
2 **PAYMENT OF DEATH GRATUITIES AND RE-**
3 **LATED BENEFITS FOR SURVIVORS OF DE-**
4 **CEASED MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS IN**
5 **EVENT OF A PERIOD OF LAPSED APPROPRIA-**
6 **TIONS.**

7 (a) APPROPRIATION.—The Department of Defense
8 Survivor Benefits Continuing Appropriations Resolution,
9 2014 (also known as the Honoring the Families of Fallen
10 Soldiers Act; Public Law 113–44) is amended—

11 (1) in the matter preceding section 101, by in-
12 sserting after “fiscal year 2014” the following: “and
13 subsequent fiscal years whenever there is a period of
14 lapsed appropriations”; and

15 (2) in section 101, by adding at the end the fol-
16 lowing new subsection:

17 “(c)(1) During any subsequent period of lapsed ap-
18 propriations during a fiscal year, such amounts as may
19 be necessary, at a rate for operations as provided for the
20 most recent fiscal year for which an Act making appro-
21 priations for the Department of Defense has been enacted
22 and under the authority and conditions provided in such
23 Act, for ‘Operation and Maintenance’ and ‘Military Per-
24 sonnel’ accounts for the purpose of making the payments
25 described in paragraphs (1) through (4) of subsection (a)
26 during the period of lapsed appropriations.

1 “(2) In paragraph (1) and section 103, the term ‘pe-
2 riod of lapsed appropriations’ means any period of time
3 after the start of a fiscal year for which interim (other
4 than pursuant to subsection (a) or paragraph (1)) or full-
5 year appropriations for the accounts referred to in para-
6 graph (1) are not in effect.”.

7 (b) DURATION.—Section 103 of the Department of
8 Defense Survivor Benefits Continuing Appropriations
9 Resolution, 2014 (also known as the Honoring the Fami-
10 lies of Fallen Soldiers Act; Public Law 113–44) is amend-
11 ed to read as follows:

12 “SEC. 103. Appropriations and funds made available
13 and authority granted pursuant to this joint resolution
14 shall be available whenever there is a period of lapsed ap-
15 propriations for the duration of the period of lapsed appro-
16 priations.”.

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