

118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 7564

To amend the Justice for United States Victims of State Sponsored Terrorism Act with respect to certain victims.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 6, 2024

Mr. GAETZ 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. IMPROVEMENTS TO THE JUSTICE FOR UNITED**
4 **STATES VICTIMS OF STATE SPONSORED TER-**
5 **RORISM ACT.**

6 Section 404(d)(4)(D)(i) of the Justice for United
7 States Victims of State Sponsored Terrorism Act (34
8 U.S.C. 20144(d)(4)(D)(i)) is amended—

9 (1) by striking “Not later than 1 year” and in-
10 serting the following:

1 “(I) AUDIT.—Not later than 1
2 year”; and

3 (2) by adding at the end the following:

4 “(II) CATCH-UP PAYMENTS.—

5 “(aa) IN GENERAL.—A
6 1983 Beirut barracks bombing
7 victim or a 1996 Khobar Towers
8 bombing victim who has had a
9 final judgment issued before De-
10 cember 29, 2022, and had an ap-
11 plication accepted by the Fund
12 before December 29, 2022, but
13 missed one or more of the four
14 rounds of payments issued by the
15 Fund, shall be eligible for a
16 lump-sum catch-up payment, cal-
17 culated with the same method-
18 ology used for 1983 Beirut bar-
19 racks bombing victims and 1996
20 Khobar Towers bombing victims
21 deemed eligible under the Fair-
22 ness for 9/11 Families Act, but
23 adjusted for any prior payment
24 from the first four rounds.

1 “(bb) AUDIT.—Not later
2 than 30 days after the date of
3 this subclause, the Comptroller
4 General of the United States
5 shall conduct an audit and pub-
6 lish in the Federal Register a no-
7 tice of proposed lump sum catch-
8 up payments to a 1983 Beirut
9 barracks bombing victim or a
10 1996 Khobar Towers bombing
11 victim eligible pursuant to item
12 (aa).”.

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