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# H. R. 2013

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 7, 2003

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. INCREASE IN MAXIMUM LUMP-SUM DEATH**2 **BENEFIT AND ELIGIBILITY OF LEGAL REP-**3 **RESENTATIVE OF ESTATE.**

4 Section 202(i) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.

5 402(i)) is amended—

6 (1) by striking “\$255” and inserting “\$1,000”;

7 (2) in paragraph (1), by striking “or” at the  
8 end;9 (3) in paragraph (2), by striking “death.” and  
10 inserting “death; or”; and11 (4) by inserting after paragraph (2) the fol-  
12 lowing new paragraph:13 “(3) if there is no person who qualifies for pay-  
14 ment under paragraph (1) or (2), or if such person  
15 dies before receiving payment, to the legal represent-  
16 ative of the estate of the deceased individual, if  
17 any.”.18 **SEC. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.**19 The amendments made by this Act shall apply with  
20 respect to deaths occurring on or after the date of the  
21 enactment of this Act.