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# H. R. 4870

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 20, 2004

Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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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. EFFECTIVE DATE FOR PAYMENT OF LUMP**  
4 **SUMS TO PERSONS AWARDED THE MEDAL OF**  
5 **HONOR.**

6 Section 1562(f) of title 38, United States Code, is  
7 amended—

1           (1) in paragraph (1) by inserting “on or after  
2     April 27, 1916,” after “under this section”;

3           (2) in paragraph (2) by inserting “or (4)” after  
4     “paragraph (1)”; and

5           (3) by adding at the end the following new  
6     paragraphs:

7     “(3) If a person otherwise eligible for payment under  
8     paragraph (1) is deceased, the Secretary shall make the  
9     payment to the living person first listed below:

10           “(A) The decedent’s spouse.

11           “(B) The decedent’s children (in equal shares).

12           “(C) The decedent’s dependent parents (in  
13     equal shares).

14     “(4) If a person is awarded the Medal of Honor post-  
15     humously on or after April 27, 1916, the Secretary shall  
16     pay, in a lump sum, an amount equal to the total amount  
17     of special pension that the person would have received dur-  
18     ing the period beginning on the first day of the first month  
19     beginning after the date of the act for which the person  
20     was awarded the Medal of Honor and ending on the last  
21     day of the month preceding the month in which the person  
22     died to the living person first listed below:

23           “(A) The decedent’s spouse.

24           “(B) The decedent’s children (in equal shares).

1           “(C) The decedent’s dependent parents (in  
2       equal shares).”.

