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H. R. 5076

To extend the time for filing certain claims under the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund of 2001, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 14, 2004

Mrs. MALONEY (for herself, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. TOWNS, and Mr. BISHOP of New York) 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Victim Compensation
5 Fund Extension Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

8 (1) The September 11th Victim Compensation
9 Fund of 2001 was established to provide compensa-

tion to individuals (or relatives of deceased individuals) who were physically injured or killed as a result of the terrorist-related aircraft crashes of September 11, 2001.

(2) The deadline for filing claims for compensation under the Victim Compensation Fund was December 22, 2003.

(3) Some individuals did not know they were eligible to file claims for compensation or did not know they had suffered physical harm as a result of the terrorist-related aircraft crashes until after the December 22, 2003, deadline.

**SEC. 3. DEADLINE EXTENSION FOR CERTAIN CLAIMS
UNDER SEPTEMBER 11TH VICTIM COMPENSATION FUND OF 2001.**

Section 405(a)(3) of the Air Transportation Safety and System Stabilization Act (49 U.S.C. 40101 note) is amended to read as follows:

“(3) LIMITATION.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subparagraph (B), no claim may be filed under paragraph (1) after December 22, 2003.

“(B) EXCEPTIONS.—A claim may be filed under paragraph (1)—

1 “(i) during the 3-year period after the
2 date of the enactment of this subpara-
3 graph, if the Special Master determines
4 that the claimant—

5 “(I) did not know that the claim-
6 ant had suffered physical harm as a
7 result of the terrorist-related aircraft
8 crashes of September 11, 2001, until
9 after December 22, 2003, and before
10 the date of the enactment of this sub-
11 paragraph; or

12 “(II) did not for any reason
13 other than as described in subclause
14 (I) know that the claimant was eligi-
15 ble to file a claim under paragraph
16 (1) until after December 22, 2003;
17 and

18 “(ii) during the 3-year period after
19 the date that the claimant first knew that
20 the claimant had suffered physical harm as
21 a result of the terrorist-related aircraft
22 crashes of September 11, 2001, if the Spe-
23 cial Master determines that the claimant
24 did not know that the claimant had suf-
25 fered physical harm as a result of the

1 crashes until a date that is on or after the
2 date of the enactment of this subpara-
3 graph.”.

4 **SEC. 4. IMMEDIATE AFTERMATH DEFINED.**

5 Section 402 of the Air Transportation Safety and
6 System Stabilization Act (49 U.S.C. 40101 note) is
7 amended by adding at the end the following new para-
8 graph:

9 “(9) IMMEDIATE AFTERMATH.—In section
10 405(c)(2)(A)(i), the term ‘immediate aftermath’
11 means any period of time after the terrorist-related
12 aircraft crashes of September 11, 2001, as deter-
13 mined by the Special Master, that was sufficiently
14 close in time to the crashes that there was a demon-
15 strable risk to the claimant of physical harm result-
16 ing from the crashes.”.

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