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H. R. 317

To amend title 31, United States Code, to provide for transparency of payments made from the Judgment Fund.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GARDNER (for himself, Mrs. LUMMIS, Mr. GRIFFIN of Arkansas, Mr. COLE, Mr. AMODEI, Mr. BENISHEK, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. GRAVES of Missouri, Mr. STEWART, Mr. GOSAR, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. TIPTON, and Mr. BISHOP of Utah) 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 “Judgment Fund
5 Transparency Act of 2013”.

6 **SEC. 2. JUDGMENT FUND TRANSPARENCY.**

7 (a) TRANSPARENCY REQUIREMENT.—Section 1304
8 of title 31, United States Code, is amended by adding at
9 the end the following new subsection:

1 “(d) Unless the disclosure of such information is oth-
2 erwise prohibited by law or court order, the Secretary of
3 the Treasury shall make available to the public on a
4 website, as soon as practicable but not later than 30 days
5 after a payment under this section is tendered, the fol-
6 lowing information with regard to that payment:

7 “(1) The name of the specific Federal agency
8 or entity whose actions gave rise to the claim or
9 judgment.

10 “(2) The name of the plaintiff or claimant.

11 “(3) The name of counsel for the plaintiff or
12 claimant.

13 “(4) The amount paid representing principal li-
14 ability, and any amounts paid representing any an-
15 cillary liability, including attorney fees, costs, and
16 interest.

17 “(5) A brief description of the facts that gave
18 rise to the claim.

19 “(6) A copy of the original or amended com-
20 plaint or written claim, and any written answer
21 given by the Federal Government to that complaint
22 or claim.

23 “(7) A copy of the final action by a court re-
24 garding the claim (whether by decree, approval of

1 settlement, or otherwise), or of the settlement agree-
2 ment in any action not involving a court.

3 “(8) The name of the agency that submitted
4 the claim.”.

5 (b) IMPLEMENTATION.—The Secretary of the Treas-
6 ury shall implement the amendment made by this section
7 beginning not later than 60 days after the date of the en-
8 actment of this Act.

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