

113TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 4274

To amend the Honoring the Families of Fallen Soldiers Act to provide a permanent appropriation of funds for the payment of death gratuities for survivors of deceased members of the uniformed services in event of any future period of lapsed appropriations.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 18, 2014

Mr. BARBER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Appropriations

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. PERMANENT APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR**
2 **PAYMENT OF DEATH GRATUITIES FOR SUR-**
3 **VIVORS OF MEMBERS OF THE UNIFORMED**
4 **SERVICES IN EVENT OF A PERIOD OF LAPSED**
5 **APPROPRIATIONS.**

6 (a) APPROPRIATION.—The Department of Defense
7 Survivor Benefits Continuing Appropriations Resolution,
8 2014 (also known as the Honoring the Families of Fallen
9 Soldiers Act; Public Law 113–44; 127 Stat. 555) is
10 amended—

11 (1) in the matter preceding section 101—

12 (A) by striking “of the Department of De-
13 fense”; and

14 (B) by inserting after “fiscal year 2014”
15 the following: “and, as provided in section
16 101(c), subsequent fiscal years whenever there
17 is a period of lapsed appropriations”; and

18 (2) in section 101, by adding at the end the fol-
19 lowing new subsection:

20 “(c)(1) During any subsequent period of lapsed ap-
21 propriations during a fiscal year, such amounts as may
22 be necessary, at a rate for operations as provided for the
23 most recent fiscal year for which an Act making appro-
24 priations for the uniformed services (as defined in section
25 101(5) of title 37, United States Code) has been enacted
26 and under the authority and conditions provided in such

1 Act, for the accounts from which death gratuities are paid
2 under sections 1475–1477 and 1489 of title 10, United
3 States Code, for the purpose of making such death gra-
4 tuity payments for survivors of deceased members of the
5 uniformed services during the period of lapsed appropria-
6 tions.

7 “(2) In paragraph (1) and section 103, the term ‘pe-
8 riod of lapsed appropriations’ means any period of time
9 after the start of a fiscal year for which interim (other
10 than pursuant to subsection (a) or paragraph (1)) or full-
11 year appropriations for the accounts referred to in para-
12 graph (1) are not in effect.”.

13 (b) DURATION.—Section 103 of the Department of
14 Defense Survivor Benefits Continuing Appropriations
15 Resolution, 2014 (also known as the Honoring the Fami-
16 lies of Fallen Soldiers Act; Public Law 113–44) is amend-
17 ed to read as follows:

18 “SEC. 103. Appropriations and funds made available
19 and authority granted pursuant to section 101(c) of this
20 joint resolution shall be available whenever there is a pe-
21 riod of lapsed appropriations for the duration of the period
22 of lapsed appropriations.”.

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