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H. R. 3640

To provide for the issuance of a Mental Health Awareness Semipostal Stamp.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CURBELO of Florida (for himself, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. FARENTHOLD, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. NORTON, and Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Mental Health Aware-
5 ness Semipostal Stamp Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS SEMIPOSTAL STAMP.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—In order to afford a convenient
8 way for members of the public to contribute to funding

1 for mental illness research and suicide prevention pro-
2 grams within the National Institute of Mental Health, the
3 United States Postal Service shall issue a semipostal
4 stamp (hereinafter in this Act referred to as the “Mental
5 Health Awareness Semipostal Stamp”) in accordance with
6 succeeding provisions of this section.

7 (b) COST AND USE.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Mental Health Aware-
9 ness Semipostal Stamp shall be offered at a cost
10 equal to the cost of mailing a letter weighing 1
11 ounce or less at the nonautomation single-piece first-
12 ounce letter rate, in effect at the time of purchase,
13 plus a differential of not less than 15 percent.

14 (2) VOLUNTARY USE.—The use of any
15 semipostal issued under this section shall be vol-
16 untary on the part of postal patrons.

17 (3) SPECIAL RATE.—The special rate of postage
18 of an individual stamp under this section shall be an
19 amount that is evenly divisible by 5.

20 (c) OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—The issuance
21 and sale of the Mental Health Awareness Semipostal
22 Stamp shall be governed by the provisions of section 416
23 of title 39, United States Code, and regulations issued
24 under such section, subject to subsection (b) and the fol-
25 lowing:

1 (1) DISPOSITION OF PROCEEDS.—

2 (A) IN GENERAL.—All amounts becoming
3 available from the sale of the Mental Health
4 Awareness Semipostal Stamp (as determined
5 under section 416(d) of such title 39) shall be
6 transferred to the National Institute of Mental
7 Health, for the purpose described in subsection
8 (a), through payments which shall be made at
9 least twice a year, to fund the Brain Research
10 Through Advancing Innovative Neurotechnolo-
11 gies (BRAIN) Initiative.

12 (B) PROCEEDS NOT TO BE OFFSET.—In
13 accordance with section 416(d)(4) of such title
14 39, amounts becoming available from the sale
15 of the Mental Health Awareness Semipostal
16 Stamp (as so determined) shall not be taken
17 into account in any decision relating to the level
18 of appropriations or other Federal funding to
19 be furnished in any year to the National Insti-
20 tute of Mental Health.

21 (2) DURATION.—The Mental Health Awareness
22 Semipostal Stamp shall be made available to the
23 public for a period of at least 6 years, beginning no
24 later than 12 months after the date of the enact-
25 ment of this Act.

1 (3) LIMITATION.—The Mental Health Aware-
2 ness Semipostal Stamp shall not be subject to, or
3 taken into account for purposes of applying, any lim-
4 itation under section 416(e)(1)(C) of such title 39.

5 (d) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this Act, the term
6 “semipostal stamp” refers to a stamp described in section
7 416(a)(1) of title 39, United States Code.

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