

115TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 1692

AN ACT

To authorize the National Emergency Medical Services Memorial Foundation to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs, and for other purposes.

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. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “National Emergency
3 Medical Services Commemorative Work Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

5 Congress finds that—

6 (1) each year, throughout the United States,
7 the 850,000 first responders of Emergency Medical
8 Services answer more than 30,000,000 calls to serve
9 22,000,000 patients in need of life-saving care and
10 comfort at a moment of notice and without reserva-
11 tion;

12 (2) with little regard for their own safety and
13 in the face of all hazards, the first responders of
14 Emergency Medical Services respond across the
15 spectrum of incidents from a medical emergency of
16 a single person to naturally occurring or manmade
17 disasters, including terrorist attacks that threaten
18 the entire United States;

19 (3) the commitment of the first responders of
20 Emergency Medical Services to others, at a moment
21 of notice and despite risk, exemplifies the finest tra-
22 ditions of the spirit of the people of the United
23 States;

24 (4) as an element of the homeland defense
25 strategy of the United States, Emergency Medical
26 Services stands on the “Nation’s first line of defense

1 in the prevention and mitigation of risk from ter-
2 rorist attacks, man-made incidents, and natural dis-
3 asters”;

4 (5) the first responders of Emergency Medical
5 Services, along with the members of Law Enforce-
6 ment and Fire Services, serving in both the public
7 and private sectors as career and volunteer emer-
8 gency medical service providers—

9 (A) are a critical element of the homeland
10 and national security efforts of the United
11 States; and

12 (B) provide for the domestic tranquility of
13 the citizens of the United States;

14 (6) all too often the risks associated with the
15 critical role of Emergency Medical Services results in
16 an unacceptable rate of injury and fatality to first
17 responders;

18 (7) statistics compiled by the Department of
19 Labor and the National Highway Safety Administra-
20 tion indicate that Emergency Medical Services pro-
21 viders—

22 (A) die in the line of duty at a rate more
23 than twice the national average for all occupa-
24 tional fatalities; and

1 (B) experience an injury rate of virtually
2 100 percent during the careers of the providers;

3 (8) the United States has historically and con-
4 tinually relied on the selfless and ultimate sacrifices
5 made by citizens in service to the United States and
6 the families and loved ones of citizens in service to
7 the United States, in order to maintain the domestic
8 tranquility, safety, and security of the United States;

9 (9) the first responders of Emergency Medical
10 Services continue to serve in this finest tradition, in
11 the face of unacceptable sacrifice, risk, and danger
12 in service to the United States and the citizens of
13 the United States;

14 (10) the scope of responsibility assumed by the
15 first responders of Emergency Medical Services is
16 broad and unique; and

17 (11) the sacrifice and commitment of the first
18 responders of Emergency Medical Services in service
19 to the United States is deserving of a commemora-
20 tive work that recognizes the sacrifice and commit-
21 ment of the first responders.

1 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION TO ESTABLISH COMMEMORATIVE**
2 **WORK BY THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY MED-**
3 **ICAL SERVICES MEMORIAL FOUNDATION.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The National Emergency Medical
5 Services Memorial Foundation (referred to in this section
6 as the “Foundation”) may establish a commemorative
7 work on Federal land in the District of Columbia and its
8 environs to commemorate the commitment and service
9 represented by Emergency Medical Services.

10 (b) COMPLIANCE WITH STANDARDS FOR COMMEMO-
11 RATIVE WORKS.—The establishment of the commemora-
12 tive work under this section shall be in accordance with
13 chapter 89 of title 40, United States Code (commonly
14 known as the “Commemorative Works Act”).

15 (c) PAYMENT OF EXPENSES.—

16 (1) RESPONSIBILITY OF NATIONAL EMERGENCY
17 MEDICAL SERVICES MEMORIAL FOUNDATION.—The
18 Foundation shall be solely responsible for acceptance
19 of contributions for, and payment of the expenses of,
20 the establishment of the commemorative work under
21 this section.

22 (2) USE OF FEDERAL FUNDS PROHIBITED.—
23 Federal funds may not be used to pay any expense
24 of the establishment of the commemorative work
25 under this section.

26 (d) DEPOSIT OF EXCESS FUNDS.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—If on payment of all ex-
2 penses for the establishment of the commemorative
3 work (including the maintenance and preservation
4 amount required by section 8906(b)(1) of title 40,
5 United States Code), there remains a balance of
6 funds received for the establishment of the com-
7 memorative work under this section, the Foundation
8 shall transmit the amount of the balance to the Sec-
9 retary of the Interior for deposit in the account pro-
10 vided for in section 8906(b)(3) of title 40, United
11 States Code.

12 (2) ON EXPIRATION OF AUTHORITY.—If on ex-
13 piration of the authority for the commemorative
14 work under section 8903(e) of title 40, United
15 States Code, there remains a balance of funds re-
16 ceived for the establishment of the commemorative
17 work under this section, the Foundation shall trans-
18 mit the amount of the balance to a separate account
19 with the National Park Foundation for memorials,
20 to be available to the Secretary of the Interior or
21 Administrator of General Services, as appropriate, in
22 accordance with the process provided in section
23 8906(b)(4) of title 40, United States Code, for ac-

- 1 counts established under paragraph (2) or (3) of
- 2 section 8906(b) of title 40, United States Code.

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Attest:

Secretary.

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