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H. R. 7696

To ensure that the Secretary of the Treasury provides for the integration of Social Security Administration death records in the databases used for verifying eligibility for payments.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CURTIS (for himself, Mr. PERRY, Mr. BUDD, Mr. GAETZ, Mr. KING of Iowa, Mr. STEUBE, Mr. MCCLINTOCK, Mr. WILLIAMS, Mr. FULCHER, Mr. BUCK, and Mrs. LESKO) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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 “Stopping Payments
5 to the Deceased Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. INTEGRATION OF SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRA-**
2 **TION DEATH RECORDS IN TREASURY DATA-**
3 **BASES FOR VERIFYING ELIGIBILITY FOR PAY-**
4 **MENTS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Treasury or
6 the Secretary’s designee (hereafter in this section referred
7 to as the “Secretary”) shall ensure that Social Security
8 Administration death records are integrated into the rel-
9 evant databases used by the Secretary for verifying eligi-
10 bility for payments made under programs administered by
11 the Secretary, including tax refunds.

12 (b) PERIODIC DISCLOSURE.—Notwithstanding sec-
13 tion 205(r)(3) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
14 405(r)(3)) or any other provision of law, the Commis-
15 sioner of Social Security shall periodically disclose (at such
16 times and in such manner as the Administrator and Sec-
17 retary shall jointly agree) Social Security Administration
18 death records to the Secretary for the purpose of carrying
19 out subsection (a).

20 (c) SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION DEATH
21 RECORDS.—For purposes of this section, the term “Social
22 Security Administration death records” means all infor-
23 mation regarding all deceased individuals furnished to or
24 maintained by the Commissioner of Social Security, in-
25 cluding such records collected and maintained pursuant

1 to section 205(r)(1) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
2 405(r)(1)).

