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S. 3357

To amend title II of the Social Security Act to update the amount of Social Security lump sum death payments and index lump sum death payments to inflation.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 4, 2025

Mr. WELCH (for himself, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BOOKER, and Mr. MARKEY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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 “Social Security Sur-
5 vivor Benefits Equity Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. UPDATING AND INDEXING THE AMOUNT OF THE SO-**
7 **CIAL SECURITY LUMP SUM DEATH PAYMENT.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 202(i) of the Social Secu-
9 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 402(i)) is amended, in the matter pre-

1 ceding paragraph (1), by striking “three times” and all
2 that follows through “smaller,” and inserting “\$2,900 (or,
3 in the case of such an insured individual who dies in a
4 calendar year after 2026, an amount equal to \$2,900 in-
5 creased by the percentage increase in the Consumer Price
6 Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers for
7 the period that begins with October 2025 and ends with
8 October of the calendar year preceding the calendar year
9 involved and rounded to the nearest multiple of \$10)”.

10 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
11 this section shall take effect on January 1, 2026, and shall
12 apply to lump sum death payments payable under section
13 202(i) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 402(i)) with
14 respect to individuals who die on or after such date.

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