

119TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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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

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**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”.

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

3           (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 202(i) of the Social Secu-  
4   rity Act (42 U.S.C. 402(i)) is amended, in the matter pre-  
5   ceding paragraph (1), by striking “three times” and all  
6   that follows through “smaller,” and inserting “\$2,900 (or,  
7   in the case of such an insured individual who dies in a  
8   calendar year after 2026, an amount equal to \$2,900 in-  
9   creased by the percentage increase in the Consumer Price  
10   Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers for  
11   the period that begins with October 2025 and ends with  
12   October of the calendar year preceding the calendar year  
13   involved and rounded to the nearest multiple of \$10)”.

14          (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
15   this section shall take effect on January 1, 2026, and shall  
16   apply to lump sum death payments payable under section  
17   202(i) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 402(i)) with  
18   respect to individuals who die on or after such date.