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# H. R. 288

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 5, 1993

Mrs. MORELLA introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Post Office and Civil Service

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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       That (a) section 8905a(f) of title 5, United States Code,  
4       is amended—

5               (1) in paragraph (1)—

1 (A) by striking “and” at the end of sub-  
2 paragraph (A);

3 (B) by striking the period at the end of  
4 subparagraph (B) and inserting “; and”; and

5 (C) by adding at the end the following:

6 “(C) to any individual whose coverage as the  
7 spouse of an employee or former employee would  
8 otherwise terminate (without any right to continue  
9 coverage under section 8905(b)(2)) as a result of the  
10 employee’s or former employee’s death.”;

11 (2) in paragraph (2)(C) by striking “or legal  
12 separation,” and inserting “legal separation, or  
13 spouse’s death,”; and

14 (3) in paragraph (3)—

15 (A) in subparagraph (A)—

16 (i) by inserting “, or the death of,”  
17 after “legal separation from”; and

18 (ii) by striking “or legal separation  
19 (as the case may be)” and inserting “legal  
20 separation, or death (as the case may be)”;  
21 and

22 (B) in subparagraph (B) by striking “or  
23 legal separation” and inserting “legal separa-  
24 tion, or spouse’s death”.

1       (b) The amendments made by subsection (a) shall  
2 take effect as of the date of the enactment of this Act,  
3 but shall not apply with respect to any individual seeking  
4 to continue coverage as the survivor of an employee or  
5 former employee who died before such effective date.

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