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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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AN ACT

To allow postal patrons to contribute to funding for breast cancer research through the voluntary purchase of certain specially issued United States postage stamps, 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 “Stamp Out Breast
3 Cancer Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. SPECIAL POSTAGE STAMPS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 4 of title 39, United
6 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the follow-
7 ing:

8 **“§ 414. Special postage stamps**

9 “(a) In order to afford the public a convenient way
10 to contribute to funding for breast cancer research, the
11 Postal Service shall establish a special rate of postage for
12 first-class mail under this section.

13 “(b) The rate of postage established under this sec-
14 tion—

15 “(1) shall be equal to the regular first-class rate
16 of postage, plus a differential of not to exceed 25
17 percent;

18 “(2) shall be set by the Governors in accord-
19 ance with such procedures as the Governors shall by
20 regulation prescribe (in lieu of the procedures under
21 chapter 36); and

22 “(3) shall be offered as an alternative to the
23 regular first-class rate of postage.

24 The use of the special rate of postage established under
25 this section shall be voluntary on the part of postal pa-
26 trons.

1 “(c)(1) Of the amounts becoming available for breast
2 cancer research pursuant to this section, the Postal Serv-
3 ice shall pay—

4 “(A) 70 percent to the National Institutes of
5 Health, and

6 “(B) the remainder to the Department of De-
7 fense.

8 Payments under this paragraph to an agency shall be
9 made under such arrangements as the Postal Service shall
10 by mutual agreement with such agency establish in order
11 to carry out the purposes of this section, except that,
12 under those arrangements, payments to such agency shall
13 be made at least twice a year.

14 “(2) For purposes of this section, the term ‘amounts
15 becoming available for breast cancer research pursuant to
16 this section’ means—

17 “(A) the total amounts received by the Postal
18 Service that it would not have received but for the
19 enactment of this section, reduced by

20 “(B) an amount sufficient to cover reasonable
21 costs incurred by the Postal Service in carrying out
22 this section, including those attributable to the
23 printing, sale, and distribution of stamps under this
24 section,

1 as determined by the Postal Service under regulations that
2 it shall prescribe.

3 “(d) It is the sense of the Congress that nothing in
4 this section should—

5 “(1) directly or indirectly cause a net decrease
6 in total funds received by the National Institutes of
7 Health, the Department of Defense, or any other
8 agency of the Government (or any component or
9 program thereof) below the level that would other-
10 wise have been received but for the enactment of
11 this section; or

12 “(2) affect regular first-class rates of postage
13 or any other regular rates of postage.

14 “(e) Special postage stamps under this section shall
15 be made available to the public beginning on such date
16 as the Postal Service shall by regulation prescribe, but in
17 no event later than 12 months after the date of the enact-
18 ment of this section.

19 “(f) The Postmaster General shall include in each re-
20 port rendered under section 2402 with respect to any pe-
21 riod during any portion of which this section is in effect
22 information concerning the operation of this section, ex-
23 cept that, at a minimum, each shall include—

1 “(1) the total amount described in subsection
2 (c)(2)(A) which was received by the Postal Service
3 during the period covered by such report; and

4 “(2) of the amount under paragraph (1), how
5 much (in the aggregate and by category) was re-
6 quired for the purposes described in subsection
7 (c)(2)(B).

8 “(g) This section shall cease to be effective at the
9 end of the 2-year period beginning on the date on which
10 special postage stamps under this section are first made
11 available to the public.”.

12 (b) REPORT BY THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL OF
13 THE UNITED STATES.—No later than 3 months (but no
14 earlier than 6 months) before the end of the 2-year period
15 referred to in section 414(g) of title 39, United States
16 Code (as amended by subsection (a)), the Comptroller
17 General of the United States shall submit to the Congress
18 a report on the operation of such section. Such report shall
19 include—

20 (1) an evaluation of the effectiveness and the
21 appropriateness of the authority provided by such
22 section as a means of fund-raising; and

23 (2) a description of the monetary and other re-
24 sources required of the Postal Service in carrying
25 out such section.

1 (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
2 for chapter 4 of title 39, United States Code, is amended
3 by adding at the end the following:

“414. Special postage stamps.”.

Passed the House of Representatives July 22, 1997.

Attest:

ROBIN H. CARLE,

Clerk.