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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 20, 2001

Mr. ACKERMAN (for himself, Mr. FOSSELLA, Mr. DAVIS of Florida, Mr. SHOWS, Mr. WEINER, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. POMEROY, Mr. GILCHREST, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mr. ENGLISH, Mr. HINCHEY, Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, Mr. MASCARA, Mr. McNULTY, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. KILDEE, Ms. SOLIS, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, Mr. KING, and Mr. ISRAEL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period of time to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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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 “September 11th He-

5 roes Stamp Act of 2001”.

6 **SEC. 2. REQUIREMENT THAT A SPECIAL COMMEMORATIVE**  
7 **POSTAGE STAMP BE DESIGNED AND ISSUED.**

8       (a) IN GENERAL.—In order to afford the public a di-

9 rect and tangible way to provide assistance to the families

10 of emergency relief personnel who were killed in the ter-

11 rorist attacks against the United States on September 11,

12 2001, and to any such personnel who suffer permanent

13 disability as a result of any of those attacks, the United

14 States Postal Service shall issue a semipostal in accord-

15 ance with subsection (b).

16       (b) REQUIREMENTS.—The provisions of section 416

17 of title 39, United States Code, shall apply (as practicable)

18 with respect to the semipostal described in subsection (a),

19 subject to the following:

20           (1) PRICE.—The price of the semipostal shall

21 be equal to the price of a regular first-class postage

22 stamp plus an additional 11 cents.

23           (2) DISPOSITION OF AMOUNTS BECOMING

24 AVAILABLE.—All amounts becoming available from

25 the sale of the semipostal (as determined under such

1 section) shall be transferred to the Federal Emer-  
2 gency Management Agency under such arrange-  
3 ments as the Postal Service shall by mutual agree-  
4 ment with such agency establish in order to carry  
5 out the purposes of this Act.

6 (3) COMMENCEMENT AND TERMINATION  
7 DATES.—Stamps under this section shall be  
8 issued—

9 (A) beginning on the earliest date prac-  
10 ticable; and

11 (B) subject to section 416(g) of such title,  
12 for such period of time as the Postal Service  
13 considers necessary and appropriate, but in no  
14 event less than 2 years.

15 (4) NUMERICAL LIMITATION.—Stamps under  
16 this section shall not be taken into account for pur-  
17 poses of any limitation under section 416(e)(1)(C) of  
18 such title relating to whether more than 1  
19 semipostal may be offered for sale at the same time.

20 (c) DESIGN.—It is the sense of the Congress that the  
21 semipostal issued under this section should depict, by such  
22 design as the Postal Service considers to be most appro-  
23 priate, the efforts of emergency relief personnel at the site  
24 of the World Trade Center in New York City and at the  
25 Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia.

1 **SEC. 3. PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE FEDERAL EMER-**  
2 **GENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY.**

3 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Notwithstanding any other provi-  
4 sion of law, the Director of the Federal Emergency Man-  
5 agement Agency may establish a program to provide as-  
6 sistance to the families of emergency relief personnel who  
7 were killed in the terrorist attacks against the United  
8 States on September 11, 2001, and to any such personnel  
9 who suffer permanent disability as a result of any of those  
10 attacks.

11 (b) **COORDINATION RULE.**—Assistance under the  
12 program—

13 (1) may be in addition to any provided under  
14 section 1201–1202 of the Omnibus Crime Control  
15 and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3796–  
16 3796a); and

17 (2) may be provided notwithstanding section  
18 312 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and  
19 Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5155).

20 (c) **FUNDING.**—In order to carry out this section, the  
21 Director of the Federal Emergency Management  
22 Agency—

23 (1) may use any amounts received under sec-  
24 tion 2(b)(2); and

1           (2) may accept and use any other funds do-  
2           nated or made available for purposes of the pro-  
3           gram.

4           (d) DUTY STATUS.—Any determination of eligibility  
5           to receive assistance under the program shall be made  
6           without regard to whether the emergency relief worker in-  
7           volved was officially on duty at the time of disability or  
8           death.

9           **SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.**

10          For purposes of this Act—

11           (1) the term “emergency relief personnel”  
12           means firefighters, law enforcement officers, para-  
13           medics, emergency medical technicians, members of  
14           the clergy, and other individuals (including employ-  
15           ees of legally organized and recognized volunteer or-  
16           ganizations, whether compensated or not) who, in  
17           the course of professional duties, respond to fire,  
18           medical, hazardous material, or other similar emer-  
19           gencies; and

20           (2) the term “semipostal” has the meaning  
21           given such term by section 416 of title 39, United  
22           States Code.

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