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# S. 1937

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN, and Ms. SNOWE) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs

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## A BILL

To allow postal patrons to contribute to funding for breast-cancer research through the voluntary purchase of certain specially issued United States postage stamps.

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 “Breast-Cancer Re-  
5 search Stamp Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. SPECIAL POSTAGE STAMPS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—In order to afford the public a  
8 convenient way to contribute to funding for breast-cancer  
9 research, the United States Postal Service shall establish

1 a special rate of postage for first-class mail under this sec-  
2 tion.

3 (b) HIGHER RATE.—The rate of postage established  
4 under this section—

5 (1) shall be 1 cent higher than the rate that  
6 would otherwise apply;

7 (2) may be established without regard to any  
8 procedures under chapter 36 of title 39, United  
9 States Code, and notwithstanding any other provi-  
10 sion of law; and

11 (3) shall be offered as an alternative to the rate  
12 that would otherwise apply.

13 The use of the rate of postage established under this sec-  
14 tion shall be voluntary on the part of postal patrons.

15 (c) USE OF FUNDS.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—The amounts attributable to  
17 the 1-cent differential established under this Act  
18 shall be paid by the United States Postal Service to  
19 the National Institutes of Health to be used for  
20 breast-cancer research and related activities to carry  
21 out the purposes of this Act, except that under those  
22 arrangements, payments shall be made at least twice  
23 a year.

24 (2) AMOUNTS ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE 1-CENT  
25 DIFFERENTIAL.—For purposes of this subsection,

1 the term “amounts attributable to the 1-cent dif-  
2 ferential established under this Act” means, as de-  
3 termined by the United States Postal Service under  
4 regulations that it shall prescribe—

5 (A) the total amount of revenues received  
6 by the United States Postal Service that it  
7 would not have received but for the enactment  
8 of this Act, reduced by

9 (B) an amount sufficient to cover reason-  
10 able administrative and other costs of the  
11 United States Postal Service attributable to  
12 carrying out this Act.

13 (d) SPECIAL POSTAGE STAMPS.—The United States  
14 Postal Service may provide for the design and sale of spe-  
15 cial postage stamps to carry out this Act.

16 (e) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of the Con-  
17 gress that—

18 (1) nothing in this Act should directly or indi-  
19 rectly cause a net decrease in total funds received by  
20 the National Institutes of Health or any other agen-  
21 cy or instrumentality of the Government (or any  
22 component or other aspect thereof) below the level  
23 that would otherwise have been anticipated absent  
24 this Act; and

1           (2) nothing in this Act should affect regular  
2       first-class rates or any other regular rate of postage.

3 **SEC. 3. ANNUAL REPORTS.**

4       The Postmaster General shall include in each annual  
5 report rendered under section 2402 of title 39, United  
6 States Code, information concerning the operation of this  
7 Act.

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