

107TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 2378

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 28, 2001

Mr. CLEMENT (for himself, Mr. FROST, Ms. NORTON, Ms. HART, Mr. FRANK, Mr. BONIOR, Mr. McNULTY, Mrs. THURMAN, Mr. GILLMOR, Mr. BALDACCI, Mr. HONDA, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. LATOURETTE, Mr. LANTOS, and Mr. PLATTS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. INCREASE IN MAXIMUM LUMP-SUM DEATH**  
2 **BENEFIT AND ELIGIBILITY OF LEGAL REP-**  
3 **RESENTATIVE OF ESTATE.**

4 Section 202(i) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
5 402(i)) is amended—

6 (1) by striking “\$255” and inserting “\$300”;

7 (2) in paragraph (1), by striking “or” at the  
8 end;

9 (3) in paragraph (2), by striking “death.” and  
10 inserting “death; or”; and

11 (4) by inserting after paragraph (2) the fol-  
12 lowing new paragraph:

13 “(3) if there is no person who qualifies for pay-  
14 ment under paragraph (1) or (2), or if such person  
15 dies before receiving payment, to the legal represent-  
16 ative of the estate of the deceased individual, if  
17 any.”.

18 **SEC. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

19 The amendments made by this Act shall apply with  
20 respect to deaths occurring on or after the date of the  
21 enactment of this Act.

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