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# S. 2867

To amend title 10, United States Code, to increase the amount of the military death gratuity from \$12,000 to \$50,000.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 30, 2004

Mr. HAGEL introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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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. INCREASE IN DEATH GRATUITY PAYABLE WITH**  
4 **RESPECT TO MEMBERS OF THE ARMED**  
5 **FORCES.**

6 (a) AMOUNT OF DEATH GRATUITY.—Section  
7 1478(a) of title 10, United States Code, is amended by  
8 striking “\$12,000” and inserting “\$50,000”.

1           (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
2 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to deaths occurring  
3 on or after September 11, 2001.

4           (c) OFFSET.—The Secretary of Defense shall derive  
5 funds for amounts payable during fiscal year 2005 by rea-  
6 son of the amendment made by subsection (a) from  
7 amounts available for that fiscal year for travel for per-  
8 sonnel assigned to, or employed in, the Office of the Sec-  
9 retary of Defense. Amounts for such purpose shall be  
10 transferred to the appropriate accounts of the Department  
11 of Defense available for such payments, and amounts so  
12 transferred shall not be counted for purposes of any limi-  
13 tation on the amount of transfers of Department of De-  
14 fense funds during that fiscal year.

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