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To establish a new allowance for members of the Armed Forces serving in Iraq or Afghanistan to cover the premiums for Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance coverage obtained by the members.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SPRATT (for himself and Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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 "Servicemembers' Fam-
5 ily Protection Act of 2005".

1 **SEC. 2. ALLOWANCE TO COVER MONTHLY DEDUCTION**
2 **FROM BASIC PAY FOR SERVICEMEMBERS'**
3 **GROUP LIFE INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR**
4 **MEMBERS SERVING IN IRAQ OR AFGHANI-**
5 **STAN.**

6 (a) ALLOWANCE TO COVER SGLI DEDUCTIONS.—
7 Chapter 7 of title 37, United States Code, is amended by
8 adding at the end the following new section:

9 **“§ 437. Allowance to cover monthly deduction from**
10 **basic pay for Servicemembers' Group Life**
11 **Insurance coverage for members serving**
12 **in Iraq or Afghanistan**

13 “(a) REIMBURSEMENT FOR PREMIUM DEDUCTION.—
14 In the case of a member of the armed forces who has ob-
15 tained insurance coverage for the member under the
16 Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance program and who
17 serves in Iraq or Afghanistan at any time during a month,
18 the Secretary concerned shall pay the member an allow-
19 ance under this section in an amount equal to the lesser
20 of the following:

21 “(1) The amount of the deduction actually
22 made for that month from the basic pay of the mem-
23 ber for the level of Servicemembers' Group Life In-
24 surance coverage obtained by the member under sec-
25 tion 1967 of title 38.

1 Armed Forces in Iraq or Afghanistan for months begin-
2 ning on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.
3 In the case of members who are serving in Iraq or Afghan-
4 istan as of the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
5 retary of Defense shall notify such members, as soon as
6 practicable, regarding—

7 (1) the availability of the allowance under such
8 section for members insured under the
9 Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance program;
10 and

11 (2) the ability of members who elected not to be
12 insured under Servicemembers' Group Life Insur-
13 ance, or elected less than the authorized maximum
14 coverage, to obtain additional coverage as provided
15 in section 1967(c) of title 38, United States Code.

16 **SEC. 3. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE PAYMENT TO MEMBERS**
17 **WHO DIED WHILE SERVING IN IRAQ OR AF-**
18 **GHANISTAN WITHOUT FULL**
19 **SERVICEMEMBERS' GROUP LIFE INSURANCE**
20 **COVERAGE.**

21 (a) PAYMENT REQUIRED.—The Secretary of Defense
22 shall make a payment under this section on behalf of each
23 member of the Armed Forces who—

24 (1) during the period beginning on September
25 11, 2001, and ending 60 days after the date on

1 which the Secretary provides the notice required by
2 section 2(c), died as a result of a wound, injury, or
3 illness sustained while the member was serving in
4 Iraq or Afghanistan, or traveling to or from a mis-
5 sion in Iraq or Afghanistan; and

6 (2) at the time of the member's death, was not
7 insured under Servicemembers' Group Life Insur-
8 ance or had elected less than the \$250,000 level of
9 insurance coverage under the Servicemembers'
10 Group Life Insurance program.

11 (b) AMOUNT OF PAYMENT.—The amount of the pay-
12 ment required by this section on behalf of a member de-
13 scribed in subsection (a) shall be equal to the difference
14 between—

15 (1) \$250,000; and

16 (2) the amount of insurance, if any, paid on be-
17 half of the member under the Servicemembers'
18 Group Life Insurance program.

19 (c) BENEFICIARY.—The Secretary of Defense shall
20 make the payment required by this section on behalf of
21 a member to the same beneficiary determined under sec-
22 tion 1970 of title 38, United States Code, for receipt of
23 the insurance payment under the Servicemembers' Group
24 Life Insurance program with regard to that member. If
25 the member was not insured under Servicemembers'

- 1 Group Life Insurance, the Secretary shall determine the
- 2 recipient of the payment, using the order of precedence
- 3 specified in subsection (a) of such section.

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