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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mrs. MALONEY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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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 “Victim Compensation  
5 Fund Extension Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:



1           (1) The September 11th Victim Compensation  
2 Fund of 2001 was established to provide compensa-  
3 tion to individuals (or relatives of deceased individ-  
4 uals) who were physically injured or killed as a re-  
5 sult of the terrorist-related aircraft crashes of Sep-  
6 tember 11, 2001.

7           (2) The deadline for filing claims for compensa-  
8 tion under the Victim Compensation Fund was De-  
9 cember 22, 2003.

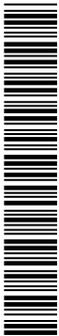
10           (3) Some individuals did not know they were el-  
11 igible to file claims for compensation or did not  
12 know they had suffered physical harm as a result of  
13 the terrorist-related aircraft crashes until after the  
14 December 22, 2003, deadline.

15 **SEC. 3. DEADLINE EXTENSION FOR CERTAIN CLAIMS**  
16 **UNDER SEPTEMBER 11TH VICTIM COMPENSA-**  
17 **TION FUND OF 2001.**

18           Section 405(a)(3) of the Air Transportation Safety  
19 and System Stabilization Act (49 U.S.C. 40101 note) is  
20 amended to read as follows:

21           “(3) LIMITATION.—

22                   “(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in  
23 subparagraph (B), no claim may be filed under  
24 paragraph (1) after December 22, 2003.



1           “(B) EXCEPTIONS.—A claim may be filed  
2           under paragraph (1)—

3           “(i) during the 3-year period after the  
4           date of the enactment of this subpara-  
5           graph, if the Special Master determines  
6           that the claimant—

7           “(I) did not know that the claim-  
8           ant had suffered physical harm as a  
9           result of the terrorist-related aircraft  
10          crashes of September 11, 2001, until  
11          after December 22, 2003, and before  
12          the date of the enactment of this sub-  
13          paragraph; or

14          “(II) did not for any reason  
15          other than as described in subclause  
16          (I) know that the claimant was eligi-  
17          ble to file a claim under paragraph  
18          (1) until after December 22, 2003;  
19          and

20          “(ii) during the 3-year period after  
21          the date that the claimant first knew that  
22          the claimant had suffered physical harm as  
23          a result of the terrorist-related aircraft  
24          crashes of September 11, 2001, if the Spe-  
25          cial Master determines that the claimant



1 did not know that the claimant had suf-  
2 fered physical harm as a result of the  
3 crashes until a date that is on or after the  
4 date of the enactment of this subpara-  
5 graph.”.

6 **SEC. 4. IMMEDIATE AFTERMATH DEFINED.**

7 Section 402 of the Air Transportation Safety and  
8 System Stabilization Act (49 U.S.C. 40101 note) is  
9 amended by adding at the end the following new para-  
10 graph:

11 “(9) IMMEDIATE AFTERMATH.—In section  
12 405(c)(2)(A)(i), the term ‘immediate aftermath’  
13 means any period of time after the terrorist-related  
14 aircraft crashes of September 11, 2001, as deter-  
15 mined by the Special Master, that was sufficiently  
16 close in time to the crashes that there was a demon-  
17 strable risk to the claimant of physical harm result-  
18 ing from the crashes.”.

