

AMENDMENT NO.\_\_\_\_\_

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Purpose: In the nature of a substitute.

**IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—119th Cong., 1st Sess.****S. 269**

To improve coordination between Federal and State agencies  
and the Do Not Pay working system.

Referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_ and  
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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. KENNEDY (for  
himself, Mr. PETERS, and Mr. WYDEN)

Viz:

1 Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the fol-  
2 lowing:

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Ending Improper Pay-  
5 ments to Deceased People Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. IMPROVING COORDINATION BETWEEN FEDERAL**  
7 **AND STATE AGENCIES AND THE DO NOT PAY**  
8 **WORKING SYSTEM.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 205(r) of the Social Secu-  
10 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 405(r)), as amended by section  
11 801(a)(7) of title VIII of division FF of the Consolidated  
12 Appropriations Act, 2021 (Public Law 116–260), is

1 amended by striking paragraph (11) and inserting the fol-  
2 lowing:

3       “(11) The Commissioner of Social Security shall, to  
4 the extent feasible, provide information furnished to the  
5 Commissioner under paragraph (1) to the agency oper-  
6 ating the Do Not Pay working system described in section  
7 3354(c) of title 31, United States Code, for the authorized  
8 uses of the Do Not Pay working system to help prevent  
9 improper payments of, and support the recovery of im-  
10 properly paid, benefits or other payments through a coop-  
11 erative arrangement with such agency, provided that the  
12 requirements of subparagraphs (A) and (B) of paragraph  
13 (3) are met with respect to such arrangement with such  
14 agency. The Commissioner of Social Security and the  
15 agency operating the Do Not Pay working system shall,  
16 while the data described in the preceding sentence is being  
17 provided to the agency operating the Do Not Pay working  
18 system, enter into an agreement based upon an agreed  
19 upon methodology, which covers the proportional share of  
20 State death data costs, which the Commissioner of Social  
21 Security and the agency operating the Do Not Pay work-  
22 ing system may periodically review.

23       “(12) The Commissioner of Social Security may not  
24 record a death to a record that may be provided under  
25 this section for any individual unless the Commissioner of

1 Social Security has found it has clear and convincing evi-  
2 dence to support that the individual should be presumed  
3 to be deceased.”.

4 (b) IMPROVING COORDINATION REGARDING INDIVID-  
5 UALS INCORRECTLY IDENTIFIED AS DECEASED.—Section  
6 205(r)(7) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
7 405(r)(7)), as added by section 801(a)(4) of title VIII of  
8 division FF of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021  
9 (Public Law 116–260), is amended by striking “and” at  
10 the end of subparagraph (A), by striking the period at  
11 the end of subparagraph (B) and inserting “; and”, and  
12 by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

13 “(C) notify any agency that has a cooperative  
14 arrangement with the Commissioner of Social Secu-  
15 rity under paragraph (3) or (11) of the error.”.

16 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
17 this section shall take effect on December 27, 2026.