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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

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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 "Federal Life Insurance
5 Transparency Act".

1 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENT RELATING TO FORM OF PAYMENT.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 8705 of title 5, United
3 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
4 lowing:

5 “(f)(1) Group life insurance and group accidental
6 death insurance payable under this chapter, by reason of
7 the death of an employee, shall be paid in the form deter-
8 mined as follows:

9 “(A) In the form of payment elected by the per-
10 son to whom the payment is to be made.

11 “(B) In the absence of an election under sub-
12 paragraph (A), in the form of payment elected by
13 the employee.

14 “(C) In the absence of an election under sub-
15 paragraphs (A) and (B), in the form of a lump-sum
16 payment.

17 “(2) An election under subparagraph (A) or (B) of
18 paragraph (1) shall not be effective unless it is made in
19 such form and manner as the Office may require.

20 “(3) The Office shall prescribe any regulations nec-
21 essary to carry out this subsection. Such regulations shall
22 provide for at least 1 alternative form of payment besides
23 the form of payment described in paragraph (1)(C).”.

24 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
25 subsection (a) shall apply in the case of any employee (as
26 defined by section 8701 of title 5, United States Code)

- 1 who becomes insured in any calendar year beginning at
- 2 least 3 months after the date of enactment of this Act.

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