

## S 4104

### Stopping Improper Payments to Deceased People Act

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Social Welfare

**Introduced:** Jun 30, 2020

**Current Status:** Held at the desk.

**Latest Action:** Held at the desk. (Jul 1, 2020)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Paul, Rand [R-KY]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** KY • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Jun 30, 2020
Sen. Kennedy, John [R-LA]	R · LA		Jun 30, 2020

### Committee Activity

*No committee referrals or activity are recorded for this bill.*

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Social Welfare

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 1333	Related bill	<b>Jun 25, 2019:</b> Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 126.
116 HR 2543	Related bill	<b>May 7, 2019:</b> Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Reform, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

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This bill expands and otherwise modifies the sharing of death data, particularly with regard to the recovery of improper payments to deceased individuals.

The bill requires the Social Security Administration (SSA) to pay to states their reasonable costs for compiling and sharing records of deaths with the SSA. Under current law, the SSA is not required to pay the states but may choose to do so.

In addition, the SSA may share, if certain conditions are met, the death data with federal and state agencies for a broader range of purposes. Such purposes include ensuring proper payments of benefits and tax administration duties. This authority terminates after five years.

The Office of Management and Budget shall develop guidance for federal agencies that collect death data, and the Department of the Treasury and the Department of Health and Human Services shall jointly develop a plan to assist and states, local agencies, and Indian tribes in providing the data.

Additionally, the SSA must share, within 30 days, death data with Treasury to facilitate the recovery of certain stimulus payments made to individuals who were deceased before January 1, 2020.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Jul 1, 2020:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Jul 1, 2020:** Received in the House.
- **Jul 1, 2020:** Held at the desk.
- **Jun 30, 2020:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jun 30, 2020:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Introduced in the Senate, read twice, considered, read the third time, and passed without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S3999-4001; text: CR S3999-4001)
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