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Never Forget the Heroes: Permanent Authorization of the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund Act

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 25, 2019

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 1327	Identical bill	**Jul 29, 2019:** Became Public Law No: 116-34.

Summary (as of Feb 25, 2019)

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This bill funds through FY2090 the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund of 2001.

Additionally, the bill modifies the Victim Compensation Fund (VCF):

- to allow claims to be filed until October 2089,
- to require VCF policies and procedures to be reassessed at least once every five years (currently, at least once annually),
- to require claimants to be paid for the amount by which a claim was reduced on the basis of insufficient funding,
- to remove the cap on noneconomic damages in certain circumstances, and
- to adjust the annual limit on economic loss compensation for inflation.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 25, 2019:** Introduced in Senate
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