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### Ending Improper Payments to Deceased People Act

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Social Welfare

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Kennedy, John [R-LA]

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

### Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]	D · MI		Jan 28, 2025
Sen. Warner, Mark R. [D-VA]	D · VA		Feb 24, 2025
Sen. Ernst, Joni [R-IA]	R · IA		Mar 10, 2025
Sen. Hassan, Margaret Wood [D-NH]	D · NH		Jul 29, 2025
Sen. Moody, Ashley [R-FL]	R · FL		Jul 29, 2025

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Discharged From	Sep 19, 2025

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Social Welfare

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
119 HR 2716	Identical bill	<b>Jan 7, 2026:</b> Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 371.
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This bill permanently allows the Department of the Treasury to access certain death records maintained by the Social Security Administration (SSA) in order to facilitate the identification and prevention of improper payments (e.g., payments to deceased individuals).

Current law requires the SSA to share its Death Master File with the Do Not Pay system maintained by Treasury for three years. The bill makes this requirement permanent.



























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