

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 4863

To amend the Justice for United States Victims of State Sponsored Terrorism Act to provide for lump sum catch-up payments for certain 1983 Beirut barracks bombing victims and 1996 Khobar Towers bombing victims.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 1, 2025

Mr. SESSIONS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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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 “Fairness for Khobar
5 Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. LUMP SUM CATCH-UP PAYMENTS FOR CERTAIN 1983**
2 **BEIRUT BARRACKS BOMBING VICTIMS AND**
3 **1996 KHOBAR TOWERS BOMBING VICTIMS.**

4 Section 404(d)(4)(D) of the Justice for United States
5 Victims of State Sponsored Terrorism Act (34 U.S.C.
6 20144(d)(4)(D)) by adding at the end the following:

7 “(v) LUMP SUM CATCH-UP PAYMENTS
8 FOR CERTAIN 1983 BEIRUT BARRACKS
9 BOMBING VICTIMS AND 1996 KHOBAR TOW-
10 ERS BOMBING VICTIMS.—Notwithstanding
11 any other provision of this section, the fol-
12 lowing shall apply:

13 “(I) The Special Master shall au-
14 thorize lump sum catch-up payments
15 to those 1983 Beirut barracks bomb-
16 ing victims and 1996 Khobar Towers
17 bombing victims who did not apply for
18 those payments because of Depart-
19 ment of Justice guidance that stated
20 that only one application may be sub-
21 mitted for each claim and that Fund
22 claimants previously found eligible for
23 regular payment distributions are not
24 eligible for lump sum catch-up pay-
25 ments.

1 “(II) Not later than 30 days
2 after the effective date of this sub-
3 clause, the Special Master shall pub-
4 lish such procedures and other guid-
5 ance necessary to implement sub-
6 clause (I). The Special Master shall
7 permit 1983 Beirut barracks bombing
8 victims and 1996 Khobar Towers
9 bombing victims covered by this clause
10 to demonstrate their reliance on De-
11 partment of Justice guidance through
12 documentation of written or verbal
13 communications with the Fund, a
14 sworn statement that describes reli-
15 ance on that guidance, or any other
16 method identified by the Special Mas-
17 ter.

18 “(III) The Special Master shall
19 authorize lump sum catch-up pay-
20 ments pursuant to this clause from
21 the reserve fund established in clause
22 (iv) or from the Fund, to the extent
23 sufficient reserve funds are not avail-
24 able.”.

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