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S. 565

To amend title 31, United States Code, to provide for transparency of payments made from the Judgment Fund.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 8, 2017

Mrs. FISCHER (for herself, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mr. CRAPO) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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 “Judgment Fund
5 Transparency Act of 2017”.

6 **SEC. 2. JUDGMENT FUND TRANSPARENCY.**

7 (a) **TRANSPARENCY REQUIREMENT.**—Section 1304
8 of title 31, United States Code, is amended by adding at
9 the end the following:

1 “(d) Unless the disclosure of such information is oth-
2 erwise prohibited by law or court order, the Secretary of
3 the Treasury shall make available to the public on a Web
4 site, as soon as practicable, but not later than 30 days
5 after the date on which a payment under this section is
6 tendered, the following information with regard to that
7 payment:

8 “(1) The name of the specific agency or entity
9 whose actions gave rise to the claim or judgment.

10 “(2) The name of the plaintiff or claimant.

11 “(3) The name of counsel for the plaintiff or
12 claimant.

13 “(4) The amount paid representing principal li-
14 ability and any amounts paid representing any ancil-
15 lary liability, including attorney fees, costs, and in-
16 terest.

17 “(5) A brief description of the facts that gave
18 rise to the claim.

19 “(6) The name of the agency that submitted
20 the claim.”.

21 (b) IMPLEMENTATION.—The Secretary of the Treas-
22 ury shall implement the amendment made by this section
23 beginning not later than 60 days after the date of enact-
24 ment of this Act.

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