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SENATE BILL NO. 469

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A *BILL* to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 64.1-105.3, relating to presumption of death.

Patron—Quayle

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 64.1-105.3 as follows:

§ 64.1-105.3. *Presumption of death in cases of persons disappearing as a result of the September 11, 2001, attack on the Pentagon.*—Any person who was in any building or any aircraft that was damaged or destroyed by the terrorist attack that occurred on September 11, 2001, when American Airlines Flight 77 was flown into the Pentagon, and whose body has not been found or identified within three months of such attack and who has not been heard from within three months of the attack shall be presumed dead in any cause wherein his death shall come into question. The provisions of this chapter shall apply to such person, his alleged heirs, devisees, legatees and next of kin. Upon petition presented to the Circuit Court of Arlington County by an heir, devisee, legatee, next of kin or executor or administrator of the estate of such person, the court, upon good cause shown, may find that such person is deceased and issue an order of the court declaring that such person is deceased.

2. That an emergency exists and this act is in force from its passage.

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