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To amend chapter 4 of title 39, United States Code, to provide for the issuance of a semipostal stamp in order to provide funding for childhood drinking prevention and education, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself and Ms. MIKULSKI) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs

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. SEMIPOSTAL STAMP TO BENEFIT CHILDHOOD**
4 **DRINKING PREVENTION AND EDUCATION.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 4 of title 39, United
6 States Code, is amended by inserting after section 414 the
7 following:

1 **“§ 414a. Special postage stamps to benefit childhood**
2 **drinking prevention and education**

3 “(a) In this section the term ‘childhood drinking’
4 means the consumption of alcoholic beverages by children
5 who are between 9 and 15 years of age.

6 “(b) In order to afford the public a convenient way
7 to contribute to funding for childhood drinking prevention
8 and education, the Postal Service shall establish a special
9 rate of postage for first-class mail under this section.

10 “(c)(1) The rate of postage established under this
11 section—

12 “(A) shall be equal to the regular first-class
13 rate of postage, plus a differential of not to exceed
14 25 percent;

15 “(B) shall be set by the Governors in accord-
16 ance with such procedures as the Governors shall by
17 regulation prescribe (in lieu of the procedures under
18 chapter 36); and

19 “(C) shall be offered as an alternative to the
20 regular first-class rate of postage.

21 “(2) The use of the special rate of postage established
22 under this section shall be voluntary on the part of postal
23 patrons.

24 “(d)(1) Amounts becoming available for childhood
25 drinking prevention and education under this section shall
26 be paid to the Department of Health and Human Services.

1 Payments under this section shall be made under such ar-
2 rangements as the Postal Service shall by mutual agree-
3 ment with the Department of Health and Human Services
4 establish in order to carry out the purposes of this section,
5 except that, under those arrangements, payments to the
6 Department of Health and Human Services shall be made
7 at least twice a year.

8 “(2) In this subsection, the term ‘amounts becoming
9 available for childhood drinking prevention and education
10 under this section’ means—

11 “(A) the total amounts received by the Postal
12 Service that it would not have received but for the
13 enactment of this section, reduced by

14 “(B) an amount sufficient to cover full costs in-
15 curred by the Postal Service in carrying out this sec-
16 tion, including those attributable to the printing,
17 sale, and distribution of stamps under this section,
18 as determined by the Postal Service under regulations that
19 it shall prescribe.

20 “(e) It is the sense of the Congress that nothing in
21 this section should—

22 “(1) directly or indirectly cause a net decrease
23 in total Federal funding for childhood drinking pre-
24 vention and education below the level that would

1 otherwise have been received but for the enactment
2 of this section; or

3 “(2) affect regular first-class rates of postage
4 or any other regular rates of postage.

5 “(f) Special postage stamps under this section shall
6 be made available to the public beginning on such date
7 as the Postal Service shall by regulation prescribe, but in
8 no event later than 1 year after the date of the enactment
9 of this section.

10 “(g) The Postmaster General shall include in each
11 report rendered under section 2402 with respect to any
12 period during any portion of which this section is in effect
13 information concerning the operation of this section, ex-
14 cept that, at a minimum, each shall include—

15 “(1) the total amount described in subsection
16 (d)(2)(A) which was received by the Postal Service
17 during the period covered by such report; and

18 “(2) of the amount under paragraph (1), how
19 much (in the aggregate and by category) was re-
20 quired for the purposes described in subsection
21 (d)(2)(B).

22 “(h) Section 416 shall not apply to this section. For
23 purposes of section 416 (including any regulation pre-
24 scribed under subsection (e)(1)(C) of that section), the
25 special postage stamp issued under this section shall not

1 apply to any limitation relating to whether more than 1
 2 semipostal may be offered for sale at the same time.

3 “(i) This section shall cease to be effective 2 years
 4 after the date of enactment of this section.”.

5 (b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

6 (1) TABLE OF SECTIONS.—The table of sections
 7 for chapter 4 of title 39, United States Code, is
 8 amended by striking the item relating to section 414
 9 and inserting the following:

“414. Special postage stamps to benefit breast cancer research.

“414a. Special postage stamps to benefit childhood drinking prevention and edu-
 cation.”.

10 (2) AMENDMENT TO HEADING.—The heading
 11 for section 414 of title 39, United States Code, is
 12 amended to read as follows:

13 “§ 414. **Special postage stamps to benefit breast can-**
 14 **cer research”.**

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