

HR 801

Veterans' Survivor Benefits Improvements Act of 2001

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Chamber: House

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Party: Republican • **State:** NJ • **Chamber:** House

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Rep. Reyes, Silvestre [D-TX-16]	D · TX		Feb 28, 2001
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Rep. Brown, Henry E., Jr. [R-SC-1]	R · SC		Mar 8, 2001
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Rep. Ehrlich, Robert L., Jr. [R-MD-2]	R · MD		Mar 14, 2001
Rep. Filner, Bob [D-CA-50]	D · CA		Mar 14, 2001
Rep. Goode, Virgil H., Jr. [I-VA-5]	I · VA		Mar 14, 2001
Rep. Pascrell, Bill, Jr. [D-NJ-8]	D · NJ		Mar 14, 2001
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Rep. Brown, Corrine [D-FL-3]	D · FL		Mar 19, 2001
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Rep. Carson, Julia [D-IN-10]	D · IN		Mar 20, 2001
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Rep. Gutierrez, Luis V. [D-IL-4]	D · IL		Mar 21, 2001
Rep. Snyder, Vic [D-AR-2]	D · AR		Mar 21, 2001
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Rep. Abercrombie, Neil [D-HI-1]	D · HI		Mar 22, 2001
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Rep. Doyle, Michael F. [D-PA-18]	D · PA		Mar 22, 2001
Rep. Edwards, Chet [D-TX-11]	D · TX		Mar 22, 2001
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Rep. Honda, Michael M. [D-CA-15]	D · CA		Mar 22, 2001
Rep. Owens, Major R. [D-NY-11]	D · NY		Mar 22, 2001
Rep. Peterson, Collin C. [D-MN-7]	D · MN		Mar 22, 2001
Rep. Putnam, Adam H. [R-FL-12]	R · FL		Mar 22, 2001
Rep. Shows, Ronnie [D-MS-4]	D · MS		Mar 22, 2001
Rep. Solis, Hilda L. [D-CA-31]	D · CA		Mar 22, 2001
Rep. Waters, Maxine [D-CA-35]	D · CA		Mar 22, 2001
Rep. Berry, Marion [D-AR-1]	D · AR		Mar 26, 2001
Rep. Davis, Jo Ann [R-VA-1]	R · VA		Mar 26, 2001
Rep. McCarthy, Carolyn [D-NY-4]	D · NY		Mar 26, 2001
Rep. Udall, Tom [D-NM-3]	D · NM		Mar 26, 2001

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Reported By	Mar 26, 2001
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Discharged From	May 24, 2001

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of May 24, 2001)

Veterans' Survivor Benefits Improvements Act of 2001 - Makes an individual who is eligible for medical care under the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs (CHAMPVA) and who is also eligible for hospital insurance benefits under Medicare part A (title XVIII of the Social Security Act) eligible for medical care for his or her survivors and dependents if the individual is also enrolled in the Medicare part B supplemental insurance program. Provides payment limits.

(Sec. 4) Revises Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance (SGLI) provisions to: (1) permit members to purchase a maximum of \$100,000 in SGLI coverage for their spouses; and (2) extend automatically to members' children \$10,000 in such coverage. Outlines provisions concerning: (1) coverage effective dates and termination; (2) premium and proceeds payments; and (3) SGLI conversion to private insurance.

(Sec. 5) Makes retroactive to October 1, 2000, the increase from \$200,000 to \$250,000 in the maximum SGLI member benefit for members who die on duty between such date and March 31, 2001. (April 1, 2001, is the current effective date for such increase for all members.)

(Sec. 6) Directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to ensure that: (1) the needs of eligible veterans' dependents are fully addressed; and (2) the availability of outreach and assistance for such dependents is made known through a variety of means, including the Internet and announcements in veterans publications and through the media.

(Sec. 7) Makes various technical amendments to Montgomery GI Bill provisions, including: (1) eligibility requirements; (2) the charging of entitlements; (3) the "buy-up" option; (4) contributions reimbursement; and (5) conversion from Veterans Educational Assistance Program coverage.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 5, 2001:** Signed by President.
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- **Jun 5, 2001:** Became Public Law No: 107-14.
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- **May 25, 2001:** Presented to President.
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- **May 24, 2001:** Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs discharged by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S5574-5577)
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- **May 24, 2001:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent.
- **May 24, 2001:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment and an amendment to the Title by Unanimous Consent.
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- **May 24, 2001:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **May 24, 2001:** Mr. Smith (NJ) asked unanimous consent that the House agree to the Senate amendments.
- **May 24, 2001:** Resolving differences -- House actions: On motion that the House agree to the Senate amendments Agreed to without objection.(consideration: CR H2687-2692; text as House agreed to Senate amendments: CR H2687-2690)
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- **May 24, 2001:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Mar 28, 2001:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- **Mar 27, 2001:** Mr. Smith (NJ) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Mar 27, 2001:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H1126-1137)
- **Mar 27, 2001:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 801.
- **Mar 27, 2001:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Mar 27, 2001:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H1155)
- **Mar 27, 2001:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 417 - 0 (Roll no. 63).(text: CR H1126-1130)
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- **Mar 26, 2001:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H. Rept. 107-27.
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- **Mar 26, 2001:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 18.
- **Mar 21, 2001:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Mar 21, 2001:** Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute (Amended).
- **Mar 15, 2001:** Committee Hearings Held.
- **Feb 28, 2001:** Introduced in House
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- **Feb 28, 2001:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.