

## HR 1111

Uniformed Services Divorce Equity Act of 2003

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Armed Forces and National Security

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### Sponsor

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Rep. Hostettler, John N. [R-IN-8]	R · IN		Mar 6, 2003
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Rep. Paul, Ron [R-TX-14]	R · TX		Mar 18, 2003
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Rep. Rahall, Nick J., II [D-WV-3]	D · WV		Apr 29, 2003
Rep. Wilson, Heather [R-NM-1]	R · NM		Apr 29, 2003
Rep. Inslee, Jay [D-WA-1]	D · WA		Apr 30, 2003
Rep. Platts, Todd Russell [R-PA-19]	R · PA		Apr 30, 2003
Rep. Cole, Tom [R-OK-4]	R · OK		May 6, 2003
Del. Faleomavaega, Eni F. H. [D-AS-At Large]	D · AS		May 7, 2003
Rep. Wamp, Zach [R-TN-3]	R · TN		May 22, 2003
Rep. Stearns, Cliff [R-FL-6]	R · FL		Sep 9, 2003
Rep. Simpson, Michael K. [R-ID-2]	R · ID		Jan 20, 2004
Rep. Abercrombie, Neil [D-HI-1]	D · HI		Oct 5, 2004

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 11, 2003
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 17, 2003

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

## Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## Summary (as of Mar 6, 2003)

Uniformed Services Divorce Equity Act of 2003 - Requires a court, in the case of the disposition of monthly retired pay upon a divorce, to award the former spouse 50 percent of such pay of a member of the uniformed services if the former spouse was married to the member throughout the member's creditable service. Reduces such amount proportionately for the reduced period of the marriage in relation to the total service period.

Requires that, if the marriage period is: (1) less than 240 months, such payments shall continue for a period equal to the marriage period; and (2) 240 months or more, such payments shall continue at least until the death of the member or former spouse.

Provides that for purposes of such monthly payments, the disposable retired pay of a member to whom a final divorce, disillusionment, annulment, or legal separation decree is issued before the member begins to receive such pay shall be computed based on the pay grade and length of service of the member while married. Increases such amount concurrently with retired pay increases. Prohibits a court from ordering such payments before a member's retirement based upon an imputation of a property interest in future retired pay. Requires a former spouse to obtain a court order for reapportionment of disposable military retired pay within two years of the date of the final decree.

Prohibits the court from treating as part of a member's disposable retired pay amounts which: (1) have been waived from such pay in order to receive veterans' disability compensation; or (2) represent payment for service-connected disabilities.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Apr 14, 2003:** Executive Comment Received from DOD.
- **Apr 11, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Total Force.
- **Apr 11, 2003:** Executive Comment Requested from DOD.
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