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HR 1726

Military Surviving Spouses Equity Act

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 28, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Apr 10, 2003)

Military Surviving Spouses Equity Act - Repeals, as of the later of October 1, 2003, or the date of enactment of this Act, certain provisions which require the offset of amounts paid in dependency and indemnity compensation from Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) annuities for the surviving spouses of former military personnel who are entitled to military pay or who would be entitled to retired pay except for being under 60 years of age.

Provides for the recoupment of certain amounts previously paid to SBP recipients in the form of a retired pay refund.

Actions Timeline

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