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HR 548

Military Survivor Benefits Improvement Act of 2003

Congress: 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

Introduced: Feb 5, 2003

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Rep. Davis, Susan A. [D-CA-53]	D · CA		Feb 13, 2003
Rep. DeFazio, Peter A. [D-OR-4]	D · OR		Feb 13, 2003
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Rep. Hastings, Alcee L. [D-FL-23]	D · FL		Feb 13, 2003

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Rep. Hinojosa, Ruben [D-TX-15]	D · TX		Mar 12, 2003
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Rep. Isakson, Johnny [R-GA-6]	R · GA		Mar 12, 2003
Rep. Keller, Ric [R-FL-8]	R · FL		Mar 12, 2003
Rep. Leach, James A. [R-IA-2]	R · IA		Mar 12, 2003
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Rep. Marshall, Jim [D-GA-3]	D · GA		Mar 12, 2003
Rep. McCollum, Betty [D-MN-4]	D · MN		Mar 12, 2003
Rep. McDermott, Jim [D-WA-7]	D · WA		Mar 12, 2003
Rep. Meek, Kendrick B. [D-FL-17]	D · FL		Mar 12, 2003
Rep. Michaud, Michael H. [D-ME-2]	D · ME		Mar 12, 2003
Rep. Renzi, Rick [R-AZ-1]	R · AZ		Mar 12, 2003
Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]	D · IL		Mar 12, 2003
Rep. Stearns, Cliff [R-FL-6]	R·FL		Mar 12, 2003
Rep. Thompson, Mike [D-CA-1]	D · CA		Mar 12, 2003
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Rep. Rogers, Harold [R-KY-5]	R · KY		Mar 20, 2003
Rep. Strickland, Ted [D-OH-6]	D · OH		Mar 20, 2003
Rep. Wamp, Zach [R-TN-3]	R · TN		Mar 20, 2003
Rep. Bishop, Timothy H. [D-NY-1]	D · NY		Mar 27, 2003
Rep. Boswell, Leonard L. [D-IA-3]	D · IA		Mar 27, 2003
Rep. Burns, Max [R-GA-12]	R · GA		Mar 27, 2003
Rep. Cole, Tom [R-OK-4]	R · OK		Mar 27, 2003
Rep. Crane, Philip M. [R-IL-8]	R·IL		Mar 27, 2003
Rep. Davis, Lincoln [D-TN-4]	D · TN		Mar 27, 2003
Rep. DeLauro, Rosa L. [D-CT-3]	D · CT		Mar 27, 2003
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Rep. Moore, Dennis [D-KS-3]	D · KS		Mar 27, 2003
Rep. Neal, Richard E. [D-MA-2]	D · MA		Mar 27, 2003
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Rep. Velazquez, Nydia M. [D-NY-12]	D · NY		Mar 27, 2003
Rep. Waters, Maxine [D-CA-35]	D · CA		Mar 27, 2003
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Rep. Andrews, Robert E. [D-NJ-1]	D · NJ		Apr 3, 2003
Rep. Bachus, Spencer [R-AL-6]	R·AL		Apr 3, 2003
Rep. Baird, Brian [D-WA-3]	D · WA		Apr 3, 2003
Rep. Berry, Marion [D-AR-1]	D · AR		Apr 3, 2003
Rep. Cubin, Barbara [R-WY-At Large]	R·WY		Apr 3, 2003
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Rep. Tauzin, W. J. (Billy) [R-LA-3]	R·LA		Apr 3, 2003
Rep. Thompson, Bennie G. [D-MS-2]	D·MS		Apr 3, 2003
Rep. Turner, Michael R. [R-OH-3]	R · OH		Apr 3, 2003

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Rep. McNulty, Michael R. [D-NY-21]	D · NY		Apr 29, 2003
Rep. Snyder, Vic [D-AR-2]	D · AR		Apr 29, 2003
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Rep. Sanchez, Loretta [D-CA-47]	D · CA		May 9, 2003
Rep. Taylor, Gene [D-MS-4]	D·MS		May 9, 2003
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Rep. Price, David E. [D-NC-4]	D · NC		May 14, 2003
Rep. Sherman, Brad [D-CA-27]	D · CA		May 14, 2003
Rep. Hastings, Doc [R-WA-4]	R · WA		May 15, 2003
Rep. Bishop, Rob [R-UT-1]	R · UT		May 22, 2003
Rep. Cantor, Eric [R-VA-7]	R·VA		May 22, 2003
Rep. Kirk, Mark Steven [R-IL-10]	R·IL		May 22, 2003
Rep. Roybal-Allard, Lucille [D-CA-34]	D · CA		May 22, 2003

Committee Activity

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

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 HRES 584	Procedurally related	Apr 27, 2004: Motion to Discharge Committee filed by Mr. Edwards. Petition No: 108-8. (Discharge petition text with signatures.)
108 HR 3763	Related bill	Feb 4, 2004: Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.
108 S 1916	Related bill	Nov 21, 2003: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.
108 S 451	Identical bill	Feb 26, 2003: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

Summary (as of Feb 5, 2003)

Military Survivor Benefits Improvement Act of 2003 - Adjusts the basic Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) annuity amount for surviving spouses, age 62 and older, of former military personnel to: (1) 35 percent of the retired pay of the decedent (current law), for months before October 2004; (2) 40 percent for months during FY 2005; (3) 45 percent for months during FY 2006; (4) 50 percent for months during FY 2007; and (5) 55 percent for months after FY 2007. Adjusts similarly percentage amounts with respect to survivors of reserve personnel and survivors of persons who die while on active duty. Provides a corresponding phased elimination of the SBP supplemental annuity authorized to be provided to such surviving spouses. Requires periodic recomputation of: (1) annuity amounts beginning in October 2004; and (2) retired pay reductions for supplemental survivor annuities.

Provides a one-year open enrollment period for SBP participation, commencing October 1, 2004, for those currently not participating, those electing to increase current coverage, and those wishing to participate in the supplemental SBP.

Authorizes the Secretary of Defense to require appropriate premiums for SBP participation.

Actions Timeline

- Feb 28, 2003: Referred to the Subcommittee on Total Force.
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- Feb 5, 2003: Introduced in House
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