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HR 377

HEROES Act of 2005

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Chamber: House

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs. (Apr 4, 2005)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Everett, Terry [R-AL-2]

Party: Republican • State: AL • Chamber: House

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Del. Bordallo, Madeleine Z. [D-GU-At Large]	D · GU		Feb 1, 2005
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Rep. Baird, Brian [D-WA-3]	$D \cdot WA$		Feb 1, 2005
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Rep. Bass, Charles F. [R-NH-2]	$R \cdot NH$		Feb 1, 2005
Rep. Boucher, Rick [D-VA-9]	$D \cdot VA$		Feb 1, 2005
Rep. Boyd, Allen [D-FL-2]	D·FL		Feb 1, 2005
Rep. Bradley, Jeb [R-NH-1]	$R \cdot NH$		Feb 1, 2005
Rep. Cunningham, Randy (Duke) [R-CA-50]	$R \cdot CA$		Feb 1, 2005
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Rep. Foley, Mark [R-FL-16]	$R \cdot FL$		Feb 1, 2005
Rep. Hayworth, J. D. [R-AZ-5]	$R \cdot AZ$		Feb 1, 2005
Rep. Hefley, Joel [R-CO-5]	$R \cdot CO$		Feb 1, 2005
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Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-9]	D · CA		Feb 1, 2005
Rep. Lynch, Stephen F. [D-MA-9]	$D \cdot MA$		Feb 1, 2005
Rep. Michaud, Michael H. [D-ME-2]	D · ME		Feb 1, 2005
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Rep. Ros-Lehtinen, Ileana [R-FL-18]	$R \cdot FL$		Feb 1, 2005
Rep. Saxton, Jim [R-NJ-3]	$R \cdot NJ$		Feb 1, 2005
Rep. Shaw, E. Clay, Jr. [R-FL-22]	$R \cdot FL$		Feb 1, 2005
Rep. Taylor, Gene [D-MS-4]	D·MS		Feb 1, 2005
Rep. Terry, Lee [R-NE-2]	$R \cdot NE$		Feb 1, 2005

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Rep. Boustany, Charles W., Jr. [R-LA-7]	R·LA		Feb 14, 2005
Rep. Carson, Julia [D-IN-7]	D · IN		Feb 14, 2005
Rep. Chandler, Ben [D-KY-6]	D · KY		Feb 14, 2005
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Rep. DeLauro, Rosa L. [D-CT-3]	D · CT		Feb 14, 2005
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Rep. Jindal, Bobby [R-LA-1]	$R \cdot LA$		Feb 14, 2005
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Rep. Poe, Ted [R-TX-2]	$R \cdot TX$		Feb 14, 2005
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Rep. Strickland, Ted [D-OH-6]	$D\cdotOH$		Feb 14, 2005
Rep. Cummings, Elijah E. [D-MD-7]	$D\cdotMD$		Mar 8, 2005
Rep. Drake, Thelma D. [R-VA-2]	$R \cdot VA$		Mar 8, 2005
Rep. Fossella, Vito [R-NY-13]	$R \cdot NY$		Mar 8, 2005
Rep. Franks, Trent [R-AZ-2]	$R \cdot AZ$		Mar 8, 2005
Rep. Gingrey, Phil [R-GA-11]	$R \cdot GA$		Mar 8, 2005
Rep. Gordon, Bart [D-TN-6]	$D\cdotTN$		Mar 8, 2005
Rep. Israel, Steve [D-NY-2]	$D \cdot NY$		Mar 8, 2005
Rep. Cardoza, Dennis A. [D-CA-18]	D · CA		Apr 14, 2005
Rep. Diaz-Balart, Lincoln [R-FL-21]	$R \cdot FL$		Jul 21, 2005
Rep. Pickering, Charles W. "Chip" [R-MS-3]	$R \cdot MS$		Jul 21, 2005

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 14, 2005
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 4, 2005

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 S 77	Identical bill	Jan 26, 2006: Message on Senate action sent to the House.

Honoring Every Requirement of Exemplary Service Act of 2005 or HEROES Act of 2005 - Increases from \$12,000 to \$100,000 the death gratuity payable to the survivors of members of the Armed Forces who die: (1) as a direct result of armed conflict; (2) while engaged in hazardous service; (3) in the performance of duty under conditions simulating war; (4) through an instrumentality of war; or (5) in an operation or area designated as a combat operation or a combat zone.

Requires the Secretary of the military department concerned to pay an additional death gratuity of \$238,000 for a member of the Armed Forces who died before the date of enactment of this Act as a direct result of one or more wounds, injuries, or illnesses that were: (1) incurred in the theater of operations of Operation Enduring Freedom or Operation Iraqi Freedom; or (2) as a direct result of armed conflict, while engaged in hazardous service, in the performance of duty under conditions simulating war, or through an instrumentality of war on or after October 7, 2001.

Increases the maximum amount of life insurance coverage for a member of the armed forces under servicemembers' group life insurance. Provides for \$150,000 additional life insurance with no deductible due from the member for combat-related deaths. Requires spousal approval for a member to elect not to have life insurance coverage or have less than the maximum amount allowable.

Actions Timeline

- Apr 4, 2005: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.
- Mar 14, 2005: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.
- Jan 26, 2005: Introduced in House
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- Jan 26, 2005: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E105)
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