

## S 663

A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to repeal the statutory designation of beneficiaries of the \$100,000 death gratuity under section 1477 of title 10, United States Code, and to permit members of the Armed Forces to designate in writing their beneficiaries of choice in the event of their death while serving on active duty.

**Congress:** 110 (2007–2009, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

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

**Introduced:** Feb 16, 2007

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services. (text of measure as introduced: CR S2172

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services. (text of measure as introduced: CR S2172-2173) (Feb 16, 2007)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/110th-congress/senate-bill/663>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. McCain, John [R-AZ]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** AZ • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Mar 12, 2007

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 16, 2007

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Armed Forces and National Security

### Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

### Summary (as of Feb 16, 2007)

Expresses the sense of Congress that all members of the Armed Forces should be permitted to select who shall receive the death gratuity (awarded for members who die while on active duty or inactive duty training), and that the Secretaries of Defense and the military departments should take appropriate action to afford members such opportunity, along with appropriate counseling.

Revises the current statutory priority list of designated death gratuity beneficiaries to place first in such list any individual designated by the person (member) in writing.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Feb 16, 2007:** Introduced in Senate
- **Feb 16, 2007:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S2172)
- **Feb 16, 2007:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services. (text of measure as introduced: CR S2172-2173)