

HR 178

Military Surviving Spouses Equity Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel. (Feb 4, 2011)

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Rep. Platts, Todd Russell [R-PA-19]	R · PA		May 3, 2011
Rep. Posey, Bill [R-FL-15]	R · FL		May 3, 2011

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Rep. Doggett, Lloyd [D-TX-25]	D · TX		Sep 9, 2011
Rep. Scalise, Steve [R-LA-1]	R · LA		Sep 12, 2011
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Rep. Long, Billy [R-MO-7]	R · MO		Sep 20, 2011
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Rep. Crenshaw, Ander [R-FL-4]	R · FL		Nov 14, 2011
Rep. Donnelly, Joe [D-IN-2]	D · IN		Nov 14, 2011
Rep. Hastings, Alcee L. [D-FL-23]	D · FL		Nov 15, 2011
Rep. Smith, Lamar [R-TX-21]	R · TX		Nov 18, 2011
Rep. Amodei, Mark E. [R-NV-2]	R · NV		Dec 2, 2011
Rep. Johnson, Bill [R-OH-6]	R · OH		Dec 12, 2011
Rep. Welch, Peter [D-VT-At Large]	D · VT		Dec 16, 2011
Rep. Schilling, Robert T. [R-IL-17]	R · IL		Dec 19, 2011

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Rep. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD-8]	D · MD		Jan 13, 2012
Rep. Inslee, Jay [D-WA-1]	D · WA		Jan 17, 2012
Rep. Cravaack, Chip [R-MN-8]	R · MN		Jan 19, 2012
Rep. Hahn, Janice [D-CA-36]	D · CA		Feb 6, 2012
Rep. Shimkus, John [R-IL-19]	R · IL		Feb 7, 2012
Rep. Woolsey, Lynn C. [D-CA-6]	D · CA		Feb 15, 2012
Rep. Chu, Judy [D-CA-32]	D · CA		Feb 28, 2012
Rep. Polis, Jared [D-CO-2]	D · CO		Feb 28, 2012
Rep. Bonamici, Suzanne [D-OR-1]	D · OR		Mar 5, 2012
Rep. Perlmutter, Ed [D-CO-7]	D · CO		Mar 19, 2012
Rep. Austria, Steve [R-OH-7]	R · OH		Mar 26, 2012
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Rep. Kaptur, Marcy [D-OH-9]	D · OH		Mar 26, 2012
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Rep. Pascrell, Bill, Jr. [D-NJ-8]	D · NJ		Apr 16, 2012
Rep. Tonko, Paul [D-NY-21]	D · NY		Apr 16, 2012
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Rep. Young, Don [R-AK-At Large]	R · AK		May 18, 2012
Rep. Emerson, Jo Ann [R-MO-8]	R · MO		May 29, 2012
Rep. Cole, Tom [R-OK-4]	R · OK		Jun 12, 2012
Rep. DeGette, Diana [D-CO-1]	D · CO		Jun 15, 2012
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Rep. Cooper, Jim [D-TN-5]	D · TN		Jun 25, 2012
Rep. Griffith, H. Morgan [R-VA-9]	R · VA		Jun 25, 2012
Rep. Himes, James A. [D-CT-4]	D · CT		Jun 29, 2012
Rep. Akin, W. Todd [R-MO-2]	R · MO		Jul 11, 2012
Rep. Gerlach, Jim [R-PA-6]	R · PA		Jul 17, 2012
Rep. Reed, Tom [R-NY-29]	R · NY		Jul 17, 2012
Rep. Womack, Steve [R-AR-3]	R · AR		Jul 17, 2012
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Rep. Rehberg, Denny [R-MT-At Large]	R · MT		Jul 30, 2012
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Rep. Dent, Charles W. [R-PA-15]	R · PA		Aug 2, 2012
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 4, 2011

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 HR 1979	Related bill	Jun 24, 2011: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.
112 S 260	Related bill	Feb 2, 2011: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

Summary (as of Jan 5, 2011)

Military Surviving Spouses Equity Act - Repeals 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 retired pay or who would be entitled to retired pay except for being under 60 years of age.

Prohibits requiring repayment of certain amounts previously paid to SBP recipients in the form of a retired pay refund.

Repeals the optional authority of (and instead requires) the Secretary of the military department concerned to pay an annuity to a member's dependent children when there is no eligible surviving spouse.

Directs the Secretary concerned to restore annuity eligibility to a surviving spouse who earlier agreed to transfer such eligibility to a surviving child or children of a member.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 4, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.
- **Jan 5, 2011:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 5, 2011:** Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.