

## HR 32

### Military Surviving Spouses Equity Act

**Congress:** 113 (2013–2015, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

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

**Introduced:** Jan 3, 2013

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel. (Jan 31, 2013)

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## Sponsor

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**Name:** Rep. Wilson, Joe [R-SC-2]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** SC • **Chamber:** House

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Rep. Hunter, Duncan D. [R-CA-50]	R · CA		Jan 18, 2013
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Rep. Rogers, Mike D. [R-AL-3]	R · AL		Jan 18, 2013
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Rep. DeFazio, Peter A. [D-OR-4]	D · OR		Jan 22, 2013
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Rep. Calvert, Ken [R-CA-42]	R · CA		Apr 18, 2013
Rep. Grayson, Alan [D-FL-9]	D · FL		Apr 18, 2013
Rep. Hanna, Richard L. [R-NY-22]	R · NY		Apr 18, 2013
Rep. Napolitano, Grace F. [D-CA-32]	D · CA		Apr 18, 2013
Rep. Ruiz, Raul [D-CA-36]	D · CA		Apr 18, 2013
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Rep. Edwards, Donna F. [D-MD-4]	D · MD		Apr 26, 2013
Rep. Forbes, J. Randy [R-VA-4]	R · VA		Apr 26, 2013
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Rep. Murphy, Patrick [D-FL-18]	D · FL		Apr 26, 2013
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Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-3]	D · AZ		May 3, 2013
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Rep. Kline, John [R-MN-2]	R · MN		May 13, 2013
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Rep. Sewell, Terri A. [D-AL-7]	D · AL		May 13, 2013
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Rep. McCollum, Betty [D-MN-4]	D · MN		May 17, 2013

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Rep. Walden, Greg [R-OR-2]	R · OR		Jun 10, 2013
Rep. Gibson, Christopher P. [R-NY-19]	R · NY		Jun 14, 2013
Rep. McDermott, Jim [D-WA-7]	D · WA		Jun 14, 2013
Rep. Veasey, Marc A. [D-TX-33]	D · TX		Jun 14, 2013
Rep. Bishop, Rob [R-UT-1]	R · UT		Jun 25, 2013
Rep. Goodlatte, Bob [R-VA-6]	R · VA		Jun 27, 2013
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Rep. Holt, Rush [D-NJ-12]	D · NJ		Jun 27, 2013
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Rep. Cole, Tom [R-OK-4]	R · OK		Jul 16, 2013
Rep. Cooper, Jim [D-TN-5]	D · TN		Jul 16, 2013
Rep. Sinema, Kyrsten [D-AZ-9]	D · AZ		Jul 16, 2013
Rep. Smith, Jason [R-MO-8]	R · MO		Jul 16, 2013
Rep. Crenshaw, Ander [R-FL-4]	R · FL		Jul 18, 2013
Rep. Ellison, Keith [D-MN-5]	D · MN		Jul 18, 2013
Rep. Kaptur, Marcy [D-OH-9]	D · OH		Jul 18, 2013
Rep. Luetkemeyer, Blaine [R-MO-3]	R · MO		Jul 18, 2013
Rep. Matsui, Doris O. [D-CA-6]	D · CA		Jul 18, 2013
Rep. Meeks, Gregory W. [D-NY-5]	D · NY		Jul 18, 2013
Rep. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI-14]	D · MI		Jul 18, 2013
Rep. Peterson, Collin C. [D-MN-7]	D · MN		Jul 18, 2013
Rep. Ryan, Tim [D-OH-13]	D · OH		Jul 18, 2013
Rep. Tonko, Paul [D-NY-20]	D · NY		Jul 18, 2013
Rep. Wilson, Frederica S. [D-FL-24]	D · FL		Jul 18, 2013
Rep. Wolf, Frank R. [R-VA-10]	R · VA		Jul 18, 2013
Rep. Brady, Robert A. [D-PA-1]	D · PA		Jul 19, 2013
Rep. Capito, Shelley Moore [R-WV-2]	R · WV		Jul 19, 2013
Rep. DeGette, Diana [D-CO-1]	D · CO		Jul 19, 2013
Rep. Doyle, Michael F. [D-PA-14]	D · PA		Jul 19, 2013
Rep. Hanabusa, Colleen W. [D-HI-1]	D · HI		Jul 19, 2013
Rep. Hinojosa, Ruben [D-TX-15]	D · TX		Jul 19, 2013
Rep. Rooney, Thomas J. [R-FL-17]	R · FL		Jul 19, 2013
Rep. Cartwright, Matt [D-PA-17]	D · PA		Jul 30, 2013
Rep. Roskam, Peter J. [R-IL-6]	R · IL		Jul 30, 2013
Rep. Schneider, Bradley Scott [D-IL-10]	D · IL		Jul 30, 2013
Rep. Shimkus, John [R-IL-15]	R · IL		Jul 30, 2013
Rep. Young, Don [R-AK-At Large]	R · AK		Jul 30, 2013

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Rep. Heck, Denny [D-WA-10]	D · WA		Aug 2, 2013
Rep. Kelly, Robin L. [D-IL-2]	D · IL		Aug 2, 2013
Rep. Lowey, Nita M. [D-NY-17]	D · NY		Aug 2, 2013
Rep. Palazzo, Steven M. [R-MS-4]	R · MS		Aug 2, 2013
Rep. Scott, Austin [R-GA-8]	R · GA		Aug 2, 2013
Rep. Hastings, Alcee L. [D-FL-20]	D · FL		Sep 11, 2013
Rep. Higgins, Brian [D-NY-26]	D · NY		Sep 11, 2013
Rep. Horsford, Steven [D-NV-4]	D · NV		Sep 11, 2013
Rep. Kildee, Daniel T. [D-MI-5]	D · MI		Sep 11, 2013
Rep. Wagner, Ann [R-MO-2]	R · MO		Sep 11, 2013
Rep. Welch, Peter [D-VT-At Large]	D · VT		Sep 11, 2013
Rep. Carson, Andre [D-IN-7]	D · IN		Sep 25, 2013
Rep. Farenthold, Blake [R-TX-27]	R · TX		Oct 4, 2013
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Rep. Maloney, Sean Patrick [D-NY-18]	D · NY		Nov 14, 2013
Rep. McKinley, David B. [R-WV-1]	R · WV		Nov 14, 2013
Rep. Roe, David P. [R-TN-1]	R · TN		Nov 14, 2013
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Dec 2, 2013
Rep. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL-8]	D · IL		Dec 2, 2013
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Rep. Himes, James A. [D-CT-4]	D · CT		Feb 3, 2014
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Rep. Walz, Timothy J. [D-MN-1]	D · MN		Feb 10, 2014
Rep. Doggett, Lloyd [D-TX-35]	D · TX		Feb 21, 2014
Rep. Cicilline, David N. [D-RI-1]	D · RI		Feb 28, 2014
Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Feb 28, 2014
Rep. Byrne, Bradley [R-AL-1]	R · AL		Mar 4, 2014
Rep. Perlmutter, Ed [D-CO-7]	D · CO		Mar 6, 2014
Rep. Shuster, Bill [R-PA-9]	R · PA		Mar 24, 2014
Rep. Matheson, Jim [D-UT-4]	D · UT		Apr 7, 2014
Rep. Jolly, David [R-FL-13]	R · FL		Apr 10, 2014
Rep. Weber, Randy K., Sr. [R-TX-14]	R · TX		Apr 10, 2014
Rep. Barletta, Lou [R-PA-11]	R · PA		Apr 28, 2014
Rep. Brown, Corrine [D-FL-5]	D · FL		Apr 28, 2014
Rep. Stockman, Steve [R-TX-36]	R · TX		Apr 28, 2014
Rep. Duncan, Jeff [R-SC-3]	R · SC		Apr 30, 2014
Rep. Sánchez, Linda T. [D-CA-38]	D · CA		May 9, 2014
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Rep. Cotton, Tom [R-AR-4]	R · AR		Jul 8, 2014
Rep. Lance, Leonard [R-NJ-7]	R · NJ		Jul 8, 2014
Rep. Southerland, Steve II [R-FL-2]	R · FL		Jul 8, 2014

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Rep. Merchant, Kenny [R-TX-24]	R · TX		Jul 10, 2014
Rep. Coble, Howard [R-NC-6]	R · NC		Jul 17, 2014
Rep. Farr, Sam [D-CA-20]	D · CA		Jul 17, 2014
Rep. Garamendi, John [D-CA-3]	D · CA		Jul 17, 2014
Rep. Tsongas, Niki [D-MA-3]	D · MA		Jul 17, 2014
Rep. Gallego, Pete P. [D-TX-23]	D · TX		Jul 22, 2014
Rep. McCaul, Michael T. [R-TX-10]	R · TX		Jul 22, 2014
Rep. Bentivolio, Kerry L. [R-MI-11]	R · MI		Jul 23, 2014
Rep. Lamborn, Doug [R-CO-5]	R · CO		Jul 25, 2014
Rep. Sarbanes, John P. [D-MD-3]	D · MD		Jul 25, 2014
Rep. Braley, Bruce L. [D-IA-1]	D · IA		Jul 30, 2014
Rep. Cuellar, Henry [D-TX-28]	D · TX		Jul 30, 2014
Rep. Pallone, Frank, Jr. [D-NJ-6]	D · NJ		Jul 30, 2014
Rep. Bonamici, Suzanne [D-OR-1]	D · OR		Jul 31, 2014
Rep. Bustos, Cheri [D-IL-17]	D · IL		Jul 31, 2014
Rep. Davis, Rodney [R-IL-13]	R · IL		Jul 31, 2014
Rep. Dent, Charles W. [R-PA-15]	R · PA		Jul 31, 2014
Rep. Foster, Bill [D-IL-11]	D · IL		Jul 31, 2014
Rep. Frankel, Lois [D-FL-22]	D · FL		Jul 31, 2014
Rep. Garcia, Joe [D-FL-26]	D · FL		Jul 31, 2014
Rep. Lynch, Stephen F. [D-MA-8]	D · MA		Jul 31, 2014
Rep. Richmond, Cedric L. [D-LA-2]	D · LA		Jul 31, 2014
Rep. Rothfus, Keith J. [R-PA-12]	R · PA		Jul 31, 2014
Rep. Ruppersberger, C. A. Dutch [D-MD-2]	D · MD		Jul 31, 2014
Rep. Granger, Kay [R-TX-12]	R · TX		Aug 1, 2014
Rep. Grimm, Michael G. [R-NY-11]	R · NY		Aug 1, 2014

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 31, 2013

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 S 734	Related bill	Apr 16, 2013: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

## **Summary** (as of Jan 3, 2013)

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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**

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- **Jan 31, 2013:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.
- **Jan 3, 2013:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 3, 2013:** Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.