

## HR 1594

### Military Surviving Spouses Equity Act

**Congress:** 114 (2015–2017, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

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

**Introduced:** Mar 24, 2015

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

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel. (Aug 13, 2015)

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Rep. Keating, William R. [D-MA-9]	D · MA		Sep 28, 2015
Rep. Lance, Leonard [R-NJ-7]	R · NJ		Sep 28, 2015
Rep. Tonko, Paul [D-NY-20]	D · NY		Sep 28, 2015
Rep. Westerman, Bruce [R-AR-4]	R · AR		Sep 28, 2015
Rep. Pompeo, Mike [R-KS-4]	R · KS		Oct 1, 2015
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Rep. Yoder, Kevin [R-KS-3]	R · KS		Dec 7, 2015
Rep. Joyce, David P. [R-OH-14]	R · OH		Dec 9, 2015
Rep. Kaptur, Marcy [D-OH-9]	D · OH		Dec 9, 2015
Rep. O'Rourke, Beto [D-TX-16]	D · TX		Dec 9, 2015
Rep. Latta, Robert E. [R-OH-5]	R · OH		Dec 16, 2015
Rep. Reichert, David G. [R-WA-8]	R · WA		Dec 17, 2015
Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Feb 2, 2016
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Rep. Huffman, Jared [D-CA-2]	D · CA		Apr 14, 2016
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Rep. Moolenaar, John R. [R-MI-4]	R · MI		Jun 20, 2016
Rep. Lipinski, Daniel [D-IL-3]	D · IL		Jun 22, 2016
Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-2]	D · MA		Jun 22, 2016
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Rep. Carter, Earl L. "Buddy" [R-GA-1]	R · GA		Sep 12, 2016

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 13, 2015

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 979	Related bill	Apr 16, 2015: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

## Summary (as of Mar 24, 2015)

### 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

- Aug 13, 2015: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.
- Mar 24, 2015: Introduced in House
- Mar 24, 2015: Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.