

HR 2539

Surviving Spouses' Benefit Improvement Act of 2015

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Committee Activity

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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill increases monthly rates for veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation payable to surviving spouses through the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

Benefits under any other law (other than duplication of benefits) shall not be reduced or offset because the surviving spouse is eligible for dependency and indemnity compensation.

Six months after enactment of this Act, the VA shall pay to an individual who is eligible for dependency and indemnity compensation predicated on the death of a veteran before January 1, 1993, monthly dependency and indemnity compensation that is the greater of the amount in effect either before or after enactment of this Act.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 5, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.
- **May 21, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **May 21, 2015:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.