

S 979

A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan by veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation, and for other purposes.

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Nelson, Bill [D-FL]

Party: Democratic • **State:** FL • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (32 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Apr 16, 2015
Sen. Crapo, Mike [R-ID]	R · ID		May 5, 2015
Sen. Heller, Dean [R-NV]	R · NV		Jun 17, 2015
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Jul 7, 2015
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Jul 9, 2015
Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	R · AK		Jul 16, 2015
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Jul 30, 2015
Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]	D · HI		Jul 30, 2015
Sen. Ayotte, Kelly [R-NH]	R · NH		Aug 5, 2015
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Sep 15, 2015
Sen. Boozman, John [R-AR]	R · AR		Sep 29, 2015
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Nov 10, 2015
Sen. Cotton, Tom [R-AR]	R · AR		Dec 7, 2015
Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]	D · CO		Dec 8, 2015
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Jan 21, 2016
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Feb 4, 2016
Sen. Boxer, Barbara [D-CA]	D · CA		Mar 10, 2016
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		Apr 4, 2016
Sen. Inhofe, James M. [R-OK]	R · OK		Apr 6, 2016
Sen. Rubio, Marco [R-FL]	R · FL		Apr 6, 2016
Sen. Tillis, Thomas [R-NC]	R · NC		Apr 11, 2016
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Apr 14, 2016
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Apr 14, 2016
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Apr 18, 2016
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Apr 18, 2016
Sen. Blunt, Roy [R-MO]	R · MO		Apr 19, 2016
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Apr 19, 2016
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		May 24, 2016
Sen. Burr, Richard [R-NC]	R · NC		Jun 6, 2016
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Jul 12, 2016
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Sep 15, 2016
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		Nov 29, 2016

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	Senate	Referred To	Apr 16, 2015

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 1594	Related bill	Aug 13, 2015: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

Summary (as of Apr 16, 2015)

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 would be entitled to such pay, except for being under 60 years of age.

Prohibits recoupment by the Secretary of Defense 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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