

## S 339

Military Widow's Tax Elimination Act of 2017

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**Chamber:** Senate

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

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**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services. (Feb 7, 2017)

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### Sponsor

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

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

**Cosponsors** (51 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Feb 7, 2017
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		Mar 1, 2017
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Mar 1, 2017
Sen. Cotton, Tom [R-AR]	R · AR		Mar 1, 2017
Sen. Crapo, Mike [R-ID]	R · ID		Mar 1, 2017
Sen. Heller, Dean [R-NV]	R · NV		Mar 1, 2017
Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	R · AK		Mar 1, 2017
Sen. Rubio, Marco [R-FL]	R · FL		Mar 1, 2017
Sen. Tillis, Thomas [R-NC]	R · NC		Mar 1, 2017
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Mar 6, 2017
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		Mar 6, 2017
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Mar 6, 2017
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Mar 7, 2017
Sen. Strange, Luther [R-AL]	R · AL		Mar 13, 2017
Sen. Scott, Tim [R-SC]	R · SC		Mar 27, 2017
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Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Apr 3, 2017
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Apr 4, 2017
Sen. Boozman, John [R-AR]	R · AR		Apr 7, 2017
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Apr 7, 2017
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		Apr 7, 2017
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Apr 24, 2017
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Apr 24, 2017
Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		Apr 24, 2017
Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		Apr 25, 2017
Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM]	D · NM		Apr 25, 2017
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Apr 27, 2017
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Apr 27, 2017
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		May 15, 2017
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		May 16, 2017
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		May 22, 2017
Sen. Harris, Kamala D. [D-CA]	D · CA		Jun 5, 2017
Sen. Franken, Al [D-MN]	D · MN		Jul 26, 2017
Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]	D · MI		Oct 5, 2017
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Oct 30, 2017
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Oct 31, 2017
Sen. Jones, Doug [D-AL]	D · AL		Feb 7, 2018
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Feb 14, 2018
Sen. Inhofe, James M. [R-OK]	R · OK		Apr 18, 2018
Sen. Blunt, Roy [R-MO]	R · MO		May 7, 2018
Sen. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL]	D · IL		May 23, 2018

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Sen. Risch, James E. [R-ID]	R · ID		Jun 6, 2018
Sen. Heitkamp, Heidi [D-ND]	D · ND		Jun 11, 2018
Sen. McCaskill, Claire [D-MO]	D · MO		Jun 11, 2018
Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine [D-NV]	D · NV		Jun 12, 2018
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Jun 12, 2018
Sen. Hyde-Smith, Cindy [R-MS]	R · MS		Jun 21, 2018
Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]	D · CO		Jun 25, 2018
Sen. Hoeven, John [R-ND]	R · ND		Jul 18, 2018
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		Jul 24, 2018
Sen. Manchin, Joe, III [D-WV]	D · WV		Oct 5, 2018

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 7, 2017

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 846	Related bill	<b>Feb 24, 2017:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

## Summary (as of Feb 7, 2017)

### Military Widow's Tax Elimination Act of 2017

This bill 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 such pay, except for being under 60 years of age.

The Department of Defense is prohibited from recouping certain amounts previously paid to SBP recipients in the form of a retired pay refund.

The bill requires (current law authorizes) the Secretary of the military department concerned to pay an annuity to a member's dependent children when there is no eligible surviving spouse. The Secretary concerned shall restore annuity eligibility to a surviving spouse who earlier agreed to transfer such eligibility to the surviving child or children of a member.

## Actions Timeline

- **Feb 7, 2017:** Introduced in Senate
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