

## HR 846

### Military Surviving Spouses Equity Act

**Congress:** 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

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

**Introduced:** Feb 3, 2017

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

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel. (Feb 24, 2017)

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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. Cole, Tom [R-OK-4]	R · OK		Feb 27, 2017
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Rep. Calvert, Ken [R-CA-42]	R · CA		Mar 2, 2017
Rep. Cooper, Jim [D-TN-5]	D · TN		Mar 2, 2017
Rep. Davis, Susan A. [D-CA-53]	D · CA		Mar 2, 2017
Rep. Shea-Porter, Carol [D-NH-1]	D · NH		Mar 2, 2017
Rep. Titus, Dina [D-NV-1]	D · NV		Mar 2, 2017
Rep. Neal, Richard E. [D-MA-1]	D · MA		Mar 7, 2017
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Rep. Poe, Ted [R-TX-2]	R · TX		Mar 7, 2017
Rep. Scott, Robert C. "Bobby" [D-VA-3]	D · VA		Mar 7, 2017
Rep. Stivers, Steve [R-OH-15]	R · OH		Mar 7, 2017
Rep. Amodei, Mark E. [R-NV-2]	R · NV		Mar 9, 2017
Rep. Kennedy, Joseph P., III [D-MA-4]	D · MA		Mar 9, 2017
Rep. Kind, Ron [D-WI-3]	D · WI		Mar 9, 2017
Rep. Thompson, Mike [D-CA-5]	D · CA		Mar 9, 2017
Rep. Pingree, Chellie [D-ME-1]	D · ME		Mar 10, 2017
Del. Bordallo, Madeleine Z. [D-GU-At Large]	D · GU		Mar 17, 2017
Rep. Barletta, Lou [R-PA-11]	R · PA		Mar 17, 2017
Rep. Brownley, Julia [D-CA-26]	D · CA		Mar 17, 2017
Rep. Goodlatte, Bob [R-VA-6]	R · VA		Mar 17, 2017
Rep. Hill, J. French [R-AR-2]	R · AR		Mar 17, 2017
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Rep. O'Rourke, Beto [D-TX-16]	D · TX		Mar 17, 2017
Rep. Taylor, Scott [R-VA-2]	R · VA		Mar 17, 2017
Rep. Walz, Timothy J. [D-MN-1]	D · MN		Mar 17, 2017
Rep. Beatty, Joyce [D-OH-3]	D · OH		Mar 24, 2017

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Rep. Larsen, Rick [D-WA-2]	D · WA		Mar 24, 2017
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Rep. Smith, Lamar [R-TX-21]	R · TX		Mar 24, 2017
Rep. Smucker, Lloyd [R-PA-16]	R · PA		Mar 24, 2017
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Rep. Bacon, Don [R-NE-2]	R · NE		Apr 6, 2017
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Rep. Capuano, Michael E. [D-MA-7]	D · MA		Apr 6, 2017
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Rep. Lance, Leonard [R-NJ-7]	R · NJ		Apr 6, 2017
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Rep. Walden, Greg [R-OR-2]	R · OR		Apr 6, 2017
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Rep. Young, David [R-IA-3]	R · IA		Apr 6, 2017
Rep. Young, Don [R-AK-At Large]	R · AK		Apr 6, 2017
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Rep. Carson, Andre [D-IN-7]	D · IN		Apr 25, 2017
Rep. Cartwright, Matt [D-PA-17]	D · PA		Apr 25, 2017
Rep. Delaney, John K. [D-MD-6]	D · MD		Apr 25, 2017
Rep. Deutch, Theodore E. [D-FL-22]	D · FL		Apr 25, 2017
Rep. Ellison, Keith [D-MN-5]	D · MN		Apr 25, 2017

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Rep. Kelly, Mike [R-PA-3]	R · PA		Apr 25, 2017
Rep. McCaul, Michael T. [R-TX-10]	R · TX		Apr 25, 2017
Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-2]	D · MA		Apr 25, 2017
Rep. McMorris Rodgers, Cathy [R-WA-5]	R · WA		Apr 25, 2017
Rep. Moolenaar, John R. [R-MI-4]	R · MI		Apr 25, 2017
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Rep. Murphy, Tim [R-PA-18]	R · PA		Apr 25, 2017
Rep. Perlmutter, Ed [D-CO-7]	D · CO		Apr 25, 2017
Rep. Ros-Lehtinen, Ileana [R-FL-27]	R · FL		Apr 25, 2017
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Rep. Welch, Peter [D-VT-At Large]	D · VT		Apr 25, 2017
Rep. Bishop, Mike [R-MI-8]	R · MI		Apr 27, 2017
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Rep. Gaetz, Matt [R-FL-1]	R · FL		Apr 27, 2017
Rep. Matsui, Doris O. [D-CA-6]	D · CA		Apr 27, 2017
Rep. McSally, Martha [R-AZ-2]	R · AZ		Apr 27, 2017
Rep. Rutherford, John H. [R-FL-4]	R · FL		Apr 27, 2017
Rep. Schneider, Bradley Scott [D-IL-10]	D · IL		Apr 27, 2017
Rep. Bonamici, Suzanne [D-OR-1]	D · OR		May 4, 2017
Rep. Love, Mia B. [R-UT-4]	R · UT		May 4, 2017
Rep. Mitchell, Paul [R-MI-10]	R · MI		May 4, 2017
Rep. Palazzo, Steven M. [R-MS-4]	R · MS		May 4, 2017
Rep. Polis, Jared [D-CO-2]	D · CO		May 4, 2017
Rep. Reichert, David G. [R-WA-8]	R · WA		May 4, 2017
Rep. Roby, Martha [R-AL-2]	R · AL		May 4, 2017
Rep. Speier, Jackie [D-CA-14]	D · CA		May 4, 2017
Rep. Womack, Steve [R-AR-3]	R · AR		May 4, 2017
Rep. Yarmuth, John A. [D-KY-3]	D · KY		May 4, 2017
Rep. Beyer, Donald S., Jr. [D-VA-8]	D · VA		May 16, 2017
Rep. Bost, Mike [R-IL-12]	R · IL		May 16, 2017
Rep. Buchanan, Vern [R-FL-16]	R · FL		May 16, 2017
Rep. Butterfield, G. K. [D-NC-1]	D · NC		May 16, 2017
Rep. Cramer, Kevin [R-ND-At Large]	R · ND		May 16, 2017
Rep. Crawford, Eric A. "Rick" [R-AR-1]	R · AR		May 16, 2017
Rep. Gabbard, Tulsi [D-HI-2]	D · HI		May 16, 2017
Rep. Keating, William R. [D-MA-9]	D · MA		May 16, 2017
Rep. Kihuen, Ruben J. [D-NV-4]	D · NV		May 16, 2017
Rep. Kilmer, Derek [D-WA-6]	D · WA		May 16, 2017

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Rep. Ryan, Tim [D-OH-13]	D · OH		May 16, 2017
Rep. Upton, Fred [R-MI-6]	R · MI		May 16, 2017
Rep. Clark, Katherine M. [D-MA-5]	D · MA		May 19, 2017
Rep. Issa, Darrell E. [R-CA-49]	R · CA		May 19, 2017
Rep. Johnson, Bill [R-OH-6]	R · OH		May 19, 2017
Rep. Joyce, David P. [R-OH-14]	R · OH		May 19, 2017
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Rep. Courtney, Joe [D-CT-2]	D · CT		Jun 7, 2017
Rep. Davis, Rodney [R-IL-13]	R · IL		Jun 7, 2017
Rep. Himes, James A. [D-CT-4]	D · CT		Jun 7, 2017
Rep. Larson, John B. [D-CT-1]	D · CT		Jun 7, 2017
Rep. Pittenger, Robert [R-NC-9]	R · NC		Jun 7, 2017
Rep. Posey, Bill [R-FL-8]	R · FL		Jun 7, 2017
Rep. Rouzer, David [R-NC-7]	R · NC		Jun 7, 2017
Rep. Cuellar, Henry [D-TX-28]	D · TX		Jun 12, 2017
Rep. Tsongas, Niki [D-MA-3]	D · MA		Jun 12, 2017
Rep. Walberg, Tim [R-MI-7]	R · MI		Jun 12, 2017
Rep. Brooks, Mo [R-AL-5]	R · AL		Jun 15, 2017
Rep. Smith, Christopher H. [R-NJ-4]	R · NJ		Jun 15, 2017
Rep. Veasey, Marc A. [D-TX-33]	D · TX		Jun 15, 2017
Rep. Carter, John R. [R-TX-31]	R · TX		Jun 20, 2017
Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Jun 20, 2017
Rep. Lynch, Stephen F. [D-MA-8]	D · MA		Jun 20, 2017
Rep. Allen, Rick W. [R-GA-12]	R · GA		Jun 21, 2017
Rep. Lamborn, Doug [R-CO-5]	R · CO		Jun 21, 2017
Rep. Brady, Kevin [R-TX-8]	R · TX		Jun 26, 2017
Rep. Gonzalez, Vicente [D-TX-15]	D · TX		Jun 26, 2017
Rep. LoBiondo, Frank A. [R-NJ-2]	R · NJ		Jun 26, 2017
Rep. Johnson, Eddie Bernice [D-TX-30]	D · TX		Jun 29, 2017
Rep. Loebsack, David [D-IA-2]	D · IA		Jun 29, 2017
Rep. Valadao, David G. [R-CA-21]	R · CA		Jun 29, 2017
Rep. Brat, Dave [R-VA-7]	R · VA		Jul 13, 2017
Rep. Babin, Brian [R-TX-36]	R · TX		Jul 24, 2017
Rep. Griffith, H. Morgan [R-VA-9]	R · VA		Jul 24, 2017
Rep. Price, David E. [D-NC-4]	D · NC		Jul 25, 2017
Rep. McCarthy, Kevin [R-CA-23]	R · CA		Aug 4, 2017
Rep. Dunn, Neal P. [R-FL-2]	R · FL		Sep 11, 2017

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Rep. Eshoo, Anna G. [D-CA-18]	D · CA		Sep 11, 2017
Rep. Farenthold, Blake [R-TX-27]	R · TX		Sep 11, 2017
Rep. Hudson, Richard [R-NC-8]	R · NC		Sep 11, 2017
Rep. Sinema, Kyrsten [D-AZ-9]	D · AZ		Sep 11, 2017
Rep. Tonko, Paul [D-NY-20]	D · NY		Sep 11, 2017
Rep. Westerman, Bruce [R-AR-4]	R · AR		Sep 11, 2017
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Sep 26, 2017
Rep. Conyers, John, Jr. [D-MI-13]	D · MI		Sep 26, 2017
Rep. Garamendi, John [D-CA-3]	D · CA		Sep 26, 2017
Rep. Hice, Jody B. [R-GA-10]	R · GA		Sep 26, 2017
Rep. Hunter, Duncan D. [R-CA-50]	R · CA		Sep 26, 2017
Rep. Sires, Albio [D-NJ-8]	D · NJ		Sep 26, 2017
Rep. Bishop, Sanford D., Jr. [D-GA-2]	D · GA		Oct 2, 2017
Rep. Gallego, Ruben [D-AZ-7]	D · AZ		Oct 2, 2017
Rep. Holding, George [R-NC-2]	R · NC		Oct 2, 2017
Rep. McClintonck, Tom [R-CA-4]	R · CA		Oct 2, 2017
Rep. McCollum, Betty [D-MN-4]	D · MN		Oct 2, 2017
Rep. Castro, Joaquin [D-TX-20]	D · TX		Oct 4, 2017
Rep. Ratcliffe, John [R-TX-4]	R · TX		Oct 4, 2017
Rep. Schrader, Kurt [D-OR-5]	D · OR		Oct 4, 2017
Rep. Simpson, Michael K. [R-ID-2]	R · ID		Oct 4, 2017
Rep. Carbajal, Salud O. [D-CA-24]	D · CA		Oct 12, 2017
Rep. Cook, Paul [R-CA-8]	R · CA		Oct 23, 2017
Rep. Langevin, James R. [D-RI-2]	D · RI		Oct 23, 2017
Rep. Roskam, Peter J. [R-IL-6]	R · IL		Oct 23, 2017
Rep. Jenkins, Lynn [R-KS-2]	R · KS		Oct 24, 2017
Rep. Pocan, Mark [D-WI-2]	D · WI		Oct 25, 2017
Rep. Williams, Roger [R-TX-25]	R · TX		Oct 25, 2017
Rep. Adams, Alma S. [D-NC-12]	D · NC		Nov 1, 2017
Rep. Panetta, Jimmy [D-CA-20]	D · CA		Nov 1, 2017
Rep. Mooney, Alexander X. [R-WV-2]	R · WV		Nov 7, 2017
Rep. Tenney, Claudia [R-NY-22]	R · NY		Nov 13, 2017
Rep. Wilson, Frederica S. [D-FL-24]	D · FL		Nov 13, 2017
Rep. Jenkins, Evan H. [R-WV-3]	R · WV		Nov 14, 2017
Rep. McKinley, David B. [R-WV-1]	R · WV		Nov 14, 2017
Rep. Peterson, Collin C. [D-MN-7]	D · MN		Nov 16, 2017
Rep. Mullin, Markwayne [R-OK-2]	R · OK		Dec 4, 2017
Rep. Ruiz, Raul [D-CA-36]	D · CA		Dec 6, 2017
Rep. Russell, Steve [R-OK-5]	R · OK		Dec 6, 2017
Rep. Huizenga, Bill [R-MI-2]	R · MI		Dec 11, 2017
Rep. Blunt Rochester, Lisa [D-DE-At Large]	D · DE		Feb 5, 2018
Rep. Hastings, Alcee L. [D-FL-20]	D · FL		Feb 5, 2018

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Rep. Kustoff, David [R-TN-8]	R · TN		Feb 5, 2018
Rep. Lujan, Ben Ray [D-NM-3]	D · NM		Feb 5, 2018
Rep. Mast, Brian J. [R-FL-18]	R · FL		Feb 5, 2018
Rep. Vela, Filemon [D-TX-34]	D · TX		Feb 5, 2018
Rep. Crist, Charlie [D-FL-13]	D · FL		Feb 7, 2018
Rep. Hurd, Will [R-TX-23]	R · TX		Feb 7, 2018
Rep. Khanna, Ro [D-CA-17]	D · CA		Feb 7, 2018
Rep. Olson, Pete [R-TX-22]	R · TX		Feb 7, 2018
Rep. Curbelo, Carlos [R-FL-26]	R · FL		Feb 13, 2018
Rep. Granger, Kay [R-TX-12]	R · TX		Feb 13, 2018
Rep. Donovan, Daniel M., Jr. [R-NY-11]	R · NY		Feb 15, 2018
Rep. Takano, Mark [D-CA-41]	D · CA		Feb 15, 2018
Rep. Johnson, Sam [R-TX-3]	R · TX		Feb 16, 2018
Rep. Fleischmann, Charles J. "Chuck" [R-TN-3]	R · TN		Feb 26, 2018
Rep. King, Peter T. [R-NY-2]	R · NY		Feb 26, 2018
Rep. Lawson, Al, Jr. [D-FL-5]	D · FL		Feb 26, 2018
Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-13]	D · CA		Feb 26, 2018
Rep. Yoho, Ted S. [R-FL-3]	R · FL		Feb 26, 2018
Rep. DeSantis, Ron [R-FL-6]	R · FL		Feb 27, 2018
Rep. Cheney, Liz [R-WY-At Large]	R · WY		Mar 1, 2018
Rep. Schiff, Adam B. [D-CA-28]	D · CA		Mar 5, 2018
Rep. Sewell, Terri A. [D-AL-7]	D · AL		Mar 5, 2018
Rep. Murphy, Stephanie N. [D-FL-7]	D · FL		Mar 8, 2018
Rep. Bucshon, Larry [R-IN-8]	R · IN		Mar 13, 2018
Rep. Kelly, Trent [R-MS-1]	R · MS		Mar 13, 2018
Rep. Conaway, K. Michael [R-TX-11]	R · TX		Mar 14, 2018
Rep. Maloney, Sean Patrick [D-NY-18]	D · NY		Mar 19, 2018
Rep. Shimkus, John [R-IL-15]	R · IL		Mar 19, 2018
Rep. Black, Diane [R-TN-6]	R · TN		Mar 22, 2018
Rep. Johnson, Mike [R-LA-4]	R · LA		Mar 22, 2018
Rep. Meadows, Mark [R-NC-11]	R · NC		Mar 22, 2018
Rep. Zeldin, Lee M. [R-NY-1]	R · NY		Mar 22, 2018
Rep. Carter, Earl L. "Buddy" [R-GA-1]	R · GA		Apr 10, 2018
Rep. Gosar, Paul A. [R-AZ-4]	R · AZ		Apr 10, 2018
Rep. Kelly, Robin L. [D-IL-2]	D · IL		Apr 10, 2018
Rep. Lucas, Frank D. [R-OK-3]	R · OK		Apr 10, 2018
Rep. Norcross, Donald [D-NJ-1]	D · NJ		Apr 10, 2018
Rep. Knight, Stephen [R-CA-25]	R · CA		Apr 11, 2018
Rep. Norman, Ralph [R-SC-5]	R · SC		Apr 12, 2018
Rep. Swalwell, Eric [D-CA-15]	D · CA		Apr 12, 2018
Rep. Lawrence, Brenda L. [D-MI-14]	D · MI		Apr 16, 2018

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 24, 2017

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 S 339	Related bill	Feb 7, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

## Summary (as of Feb 3, 2017)

### Military Surviving Spouses Equity Act

This bill: (1) repeals certain provisions that 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, (2) prohibits requiring repayment of certain amounts previously paid to SBP recipients in the form of a retired pay refund, and (3) 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 24, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.
- **Feb 3, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 3, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.