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Military Widow's Tax Elimination Act of 2019

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Jones, Doug [D-AL]

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

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Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]	D · CO		Feb 28, 2019
Sen. Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN]	R · TN		Feb 28, 2019
Sen. Boozman, John [R-AR]	R · AR		Feb 28, 2019
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Feb 28, 2019
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Feb 28, 2019
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Sen. Hoeven, John [R-ND]	R · ND		Feb 28, 2019
Sen. Hyde-Smith, Cindy [R-MS]	R · MS		Feb 28, 2019
Sen. Inhofe, James M. [R-OK]	R · OK		Feb 28, 2019
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Feb 28, 2019
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Feb 28, 2019
Sen. Manchin, Joe, III [D-WV]	D · WV		Feb 28, 2019
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		Feb 28, 2019
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Feb 28, 2019
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Feb 28, 2019
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Feb 28, 2019
Sen. Risch, James E. [R-ID]	R · ID		Feb 28, 2019
Sen. Rubio, Marco [R-FL]	R · FL		Feb 28, 2019
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Feb 28, 2019
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		Feb 28, 2019
Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		Feb 28, 2019
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Feb 28, 2019
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Feb 28, 2019
Sen. Alexander, Lamar [R-TN]	R · TN		Mar 4, 2019
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Mar 4, 2019
Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]	D · MI		Mar 4, 2019
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Mar 6, 2019
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Mar 6, 2019
Sen. Sinema, Kyrsten [D-AZ]	D · AZ		Mar 6, 2019
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Mar 13, 2019
Sen. Rounds, Mike [R-SD]	R · SD		Mar 13, 2019
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Mar 13, 2019
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Mar 13, 2019
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Mar 14, 2019
Sen. Burr, Richard [R-NC]	R · NC		Mar 26, 2019
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		Mar 26, 2019

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Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Mar 26, 2019
Sen. Gardner, Cory [R-CO]	R · CO		Mar 28, 2019
Sen. McSally, Martha [R-AZ]	R · AZ		Mar 28, 2019
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Mar 28, 2019
Sen. Hassan, Margaret Wood [D-NH]	D · NH		Apr 8, 2019
Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV]	D · NV		Apr 8, 2019
Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM]	D · NM		Apr 8, 2019
Sen. Capito, Shelley Moore [R-WV]	R · WV		Apr 9, 2019
Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	R · AK		Apr 9, 2019
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Apr 10, 2019
Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine [D-NV]	D · NV		Apr 10, 2019
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Sen. Cotton, Tom [R-AR]	R · AR		Apr 11, 2019
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Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Apr 30, 2019
Sen. Blunt, Roy [R-MO]	R · MO		Apr 30, 2019
Sen. Scott, Rick [R-FL]	R · FL		Apr 30, 2019
Sen. Moran, Jerry [R-KS]	R · KS		May 6, 2019
Sen. Scott, Tim [R-SC]	R · SC		May 6, 2019
Sen. Warner, Mark R. [D-VA]	D · VA		May 7, 2019
Sen. Roberts, Pat [R-KS]	R · KS		May 13, 2019
Sen. Tillis, Thomas [R-NC]	R · NC		May 14, 2019
Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX]	R · TX		May 15, 2019
Sen. Carper, Thomas R. [D-DE]	D · DE		May 21, 2019
Sen. Daines, Steve [R-MT]	R · MT		May 21, 2019
Sen. Graham, Lindsey [R-SC]	R · SC		May 21, 2019
Sen. Cruz, Ted [R-TX]	R · TX		May 23, 2019
Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]	D · CT		May 23, 2019
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		May 23, 2019
Sen. Cassidy, Bill [R-LA]	R · LA		Jun 5, 2019
Sen. Kennedy, John [R-LA]	R · LA		Jun 13, 2019
Sen. Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS]	R · MS		Jun 13, 2019
Sen. Hawley, Josh [R-MO]	R · MO		Sep 23, 2019
Sen. Ernst, Joni [R-IA]	R · IA		Dec 5, 2019

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 28, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 1790	Related bill	Dec 20, 2019: Became Public Law No: 116-92.
116 HR 553	Related bill	Jul 12, 2019: Assigned to the Consensus Calendar, Calendar No. 1.

Summary (as of Feb 28, 2019)

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This bill modifies the Department of Defense's Survivor Benefit Plan and how it operates in relation to other benefits. The plan currently provides a monthly annuity (based on a percentage of a service member's retirement pay) to an eligible beneficiary upon the death of the service member. Currently, if a surviving spouse is also entitled to dependency and indemnity compensation, the annuity paid under the plan will be reduced. The bill repeals certain provisions that require the offset of the plan annuity from amounts paid in dependency and indemnity compensation.

Under current law, upon the request of the surviving spouse, the military branch concerned is authorized to pay an annuity to the service member's dependent children instead of to the surviving spouse. The bill restores the annuity to an eligible spouse who previously elected to transfer payment to a dependent child.

Actions Timeline

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