

HR 8559

Surviving Families Benefit Expansion Act

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Sponsor

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Rep. Davis, Rodney [R-IL-13]	R · IL		Oct 9, 2020
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Oct 9, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 4594	Related bill	Sep 16, 2020: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
116 HR 6933	Related bill	Jun 16, 2020: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

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This bill adjusts the amount that the Department of Veterans Affairs pays to surviving spouses and children of veterans who were rated as totally disabled for a period of less than 10 years before their death.

Additionally, the bill authorizes the furnishing of dependency and indemnity compensation for surviving spouses who remarry after the age of 55.

Actions Timeline

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