

## S 1266

Love Lives On Act of 2023

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**Chamber:** Senate

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

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Sen. Welch, Peter [D-VT]	D · VT		Dec 10, 2024

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Apr 25, 2023

### Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 3651	Identical bill	<b>Apr 16, 2024:</b> Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote.

### Summary (as of Apr 25, 2023)

#### Love Lives On Act of 2023

This bill extends entitlement for various benefit programs and services for surviving spouses of deceased members of the Armed Forces or veterans.

First, the bill removes the expiration on a surviving spouses' entitlement to educational assistance through the Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship (Fry Scholarship).

The bill also provides that the remarriage of a surviving spouse must not bar the furnishing of dependency and indemnity compensation to such spouse.

Next, the Department of Defense may not terminate the payment of an annuity for a surviving spouse under the Survivor Benefit Plan solely because the surviving spouse remarries.

Additionally, the bill provides commissary store and MWR retail facility (e.g., exchange store) access to surviving spouses regardless of the martial status of the spouse. Such spouses must be entitled to use such stores and facilities to the same extent and on the same basis as surviving spouses who did not remarry.

The bill expands the definition of a dependent under TRICARE to include a remarried widow or widower whose subsequent marriage has ended due to death, divorce, or annulment.

Finally, the bill modifies the definition of a surviving spouse for purposes of veterans benefits to include same sex marriages.

### Actions Timeline

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