

## S 1314

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify the definition of spouse and surviving spouse to include all individuals lawfully married, and for other purposes.

**Congress:** 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

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

**Introduced:** Apr 26, 2023

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. (Apr 26, 2023)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]

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

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| Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]       | R · AK        |      | Apr 26, 2023 |
| Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]     | R · ME        |      | May 4, 2023  |
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### Committee Activity

| Committee                   | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
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| Veterans' Affairs Committee | Senate  | Referred To | Apr 26, 2023 |

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

### Summary (as of Apr 26, 2023)

This bill revises the definitions of *spouse* and *surviving spouse* that the Department of Veterans Affairs uses for purposes related to veterans' benefits, health care, and other matters. Specifically, the bill includes persons who are or were in same-sex marriages as spouses and surviving spouses.

### Actions Timeline

- Apr 26, 2023:** Introduced in Senate
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