

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

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	R · AK		Apr 26, 2023
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		May 4, 2023
Sen. Hassan, Margaret Wood [D-NH]	D · NH		May 4, 2023

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
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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