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Respect for Grieving Military Families Act

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Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services. (May 11, 2023)

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Sponsor

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 11, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 3232	Identical bill	May 11, 2023: Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.

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This bill addresses the overpayment of retired or retainer pay to a joint account (bearing the name of the decedent and the decedent's designated beneficiary) during the month of the death of a retired member of the armed forces.

Specifically, the bill authorizes the Department of Defense (DOD) to forgive or offset the overpayment if the decedent was enrolled in the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP). In the case of an offset, each of the first 12 SBP annuity payments after the death of the retired service member must be reduced by one-twelfth of the overpayment. If the decedent was not enrolled in the SBP, DOD is authorized to forgive the overpayment.

Actions Timeline

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