

HR 4602

Amend the Code for Marriage Equality Act of 2023

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Chamber: House

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 13, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jul 13, 2023)

Amend the Code for Marriage Equality Act of 2023

This bill amends the Internal Revenue Code, the Social Security Act (SSA), and other federal laws to replace (1) references to *wife* or *husband* with references to *spouse*, and (2) references to *husband and wife* or *husband or wife* with references to *married couple* or *married person*.

For purposes of federal laws or regulations, *marriage* is defined as a legal union between two people as spouses. The bill eliminates a definition of *spouse* that refers only to a person of the opposite sex who is a husband or a wife.

Requirements concerning compensation to a surviving wife after the disability or death of a person employed at a military, air, or naval base outside the United States are revised to make surviving spouses eligible for such compensation.

The bill makes similar revisions to the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977, and other federal statutes.

The bill revises title II (Old Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance) of the SSA to consolidate separate provisions for a wife's insurance benefits and a husband's insurance benefits into a single standard for a spouse's insurance benefits.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 13, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 13, 2023:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.