

HR 854

Captain James C. Edge Gold Star Spouse Equity Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

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Current Status: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

Latest Action: Subcommittee Hearings Held. (Mar 29, 2023)

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • **State:** FL • **Chamber:** House

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Rep. Wenstrup, Brad R. [R-OH-2]	R · OH		Mar 29, 2023
Rep. Ramirez, Delia C. [D-IL-3]	D · IL		Mar 30, 2023
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Rep. Gonzales, Tony [R-TX-23]	R · TX		Apr 17, 2023
Rep. Houlahan, Chrissy [D-PA-6]	D · PA		Apr 17, 2023
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Rep. Ryan, Patrick [D-NY-18]	D · NY		Apr 17, 2023
Rep. Jackson, Jeff [D-NC-14]	D · NC		Apr 18, 2023
Rep. Caraveo, Yadira [D-CO-8]	D · CO		Jul 22, 2024
Rep. Neguse, Joe [D-CO-2]	D · CO		Dec 17, 2024

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 6, 2023
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Mar 29, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Feb 6, 2023)

Captain James C. Edge Gold Star Spouse Equity Act

This bill addresses restrictions on benefits for surviving spouses of service members.

Specifically, the bill prohibits the termination of the payment of an annuity under the Survivor Benefit Plan for certain surviving spouses of service members who died while on active duty solely because the surviving spouse remarries. The Department of Defense must resume payment of an annuity to surviving spouses who remarried before the age of 55 and before the enactment of this bill.

The remarriage of a surviving spouse of a veteran does not bar the provision of dependency and indemnity compensation, regardless of their age when they remarried. The Department of Veterans Affairs must resume payment of dependency and indemnity compensation to surviving spouses who remarried before the age of 57 prior to the enactment of this bill.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 29, 2023:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Mar 6, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.
- **Feb 6, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 6, 2023:** Referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.