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Caring for Survivors Act of 2025

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Chamber: Senate

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]

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

Cosponsors (7 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Boozman, John [R-AR]	R · AR		Feb 18, 2025
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		Jun 3, 2025
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Jul 21, 2025
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Sep 17, 2025
Sen. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL]	D · IL		Sep 29, 2025
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Sep 30, 2025
Sen. Kim, Andy [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Oct 21, 2025

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Hearings By (full committee)	Mar 11, 2025

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
119 HR 2055	Identical bill	Jun 24, 2025: Subcommittee Hearings Held
119 HR 680	Identical bill	Feb 26, 2025: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

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This bill increases the monthly rate of dependency and indemnity compensation payable to surviving spouses through the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

Dependency and indemnity compensation is a monthly payment made to eligible survivors (i.e., spouses, parents, or children) of (1) certain veterans who died as a result of a service-connected condition; (2) service members killed while on active military duty or active or inactive duty for training; or (3) veterans who did not die from a service-connected condition, but were totally disabled by a service-connected disability for a certain period of time.

The bill also (1) reduces, from 10 years to 5 years, the period of time that certain veterans must have been rated totally disabled due to a service-connected disability in order for a survivor to qualify for benefits; and (2) specifies the amount that is payable to survivors of veterans who were rated totally disabled for a period of less than 10 years before their death.

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