

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 119-8
OFFERED BY MR. HUDSON OF NORTH CAROLINA

At the end of subtitle E of title VI add the following new section:

1 SEC. 6____. IMPROVEMENTS TO BENEFITS FOR SURVIVING
2 SPOUSES.

(a) CONTINUED ELIGIBILITY FOR SURVIVOR BENEFIT PLAN FOR CERTAIN SURVIVING SPOUSES WHO REMARRY.—Section 1450(b)(2) of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by striking “An annuity” and inserting the following:

9 “(A) IN GENERAL.—(A) Subject to sub-
10 paragraph (B), an annuity”; and

11 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
12 paragraph:

“(B) TREATMENT OF SURVIVORS OF MEMBERS WHO DIE ON ACTIVE DUTY.—The Secretary may not terminate payment of an annuity for a surviving spouse described in subparagraph (A) or (B) of section 1448(d)(1) solely because that surviving spouse remarries. In the case of a surviving spouse who remarried before

1 reaching age 55 and before the date of the en-
2 actment of Love Lives On Act of 2025, the Sec-
3 retary shall resume payment of the annuity to
4 that surviving spouse—

5 “(i) except as provided by clause (ii),
6 for each month that begins on or after the
7 date that is one year after such date of en-
8 actment; or

9 “(ii) on the first day of the first
10 month beginning after such date of enact-
11 ment, in the case of a surviving spouse
12 who elected to transfer payment of that
13 annuity to a surviving child or children
14 under the provisions of section
15 1448(d)(2)(B) of title 10, United States
16 Code, as in effect on December 31, 2019.”.

17 (b) EXPANSION OF DEFINITION OF DEPENDENT
18 UNDER TRICARE PROGRAM TO INCLUDE A REMARRIED
19 WIDOW OR WIDOWER WHOSE SUBSEQUENT MARRIAGE
20 HAS ENDED.—Section 1072(2) of title 10, United States
21 Code, is amended—

22 (1) in subparagraph (H), by striking “; and”
23 and inserting a semicolon;

24 (2) in subparagraph (I)(v), by striking the pe-
25 riod at the end and inserting “; and”; and

1 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-
2 paragraph:

3 “(J) a remarried widow or widower whose
4 subsequent marriage has ended due to death,
5 divorce, or annulment.”.

