

## Union Calendar No.

115<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 5044

[Report No. 115-]

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### IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 15, 2018

Mr. CHABOT (for himself and Mr. BERGMAN) introduced the following bill;  
which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

MAY --, 2018

Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union,  
and ordered to be printed

# **A BILL**

To amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the treatment of certain surviving spouses under the contracting goals and preferences of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Service-Disabled Vet-  
5 erans Small Business Continuation Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. TECHNICAL AMENDMENT REGARDING TREATMENT**  
7 **OF CERTAIN SURVIVING SPOUSES UNDER**  
8 **CONTRACTING GOALS AND PREFERENCES OF**  
9 **DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

10 Effective on the date specified in subsection (e) of  
11 section 1832 of the National Defense Authorization Act  
12 for Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114–328; 130 Stat.  
13 2660), section 8127(k)(3) of title 38, United States Code,  
14 as amended by such section 1832, is further amended by  
15 inserting after the period at the end the following new sen-  
16 tence: “A surviving spouse of such a veteran who is not  
17 covered by subparagraph (C)(i) of such section by reason  
18 of the disability rating of the veteran being less than 100  
19 percent shall be treated as being so covered during the  
20 period beginning on the date of the death of the veteran  
21 and ending on the date that is three years after such  
22 death, the date on which the surviving spouse remarries,  
23 or the date on which the surviving spouse relinquishes an  
24 ownership interest in the small business concern, which-  
25 ever occurs first.”.