

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4862
OFFERED BY MS. TITUS OF NEVADA

After section 2, insert the following:

1 SEC. 3. DEFINITION OF SPOUSE FOR PURPOSES OF VET-
2 ERAN BENEFITS TO REFLECT NEW STATE
3 DEFINITIONS OF SPOUSE.

4 (a) DEFINITIONS.—Section 101 of title 38, United
5 States Code, is amended—

6 (1) in paragraph (3), by striking “of the oppo-
7 site sex”; and

8 (2) in paragraph (31), by striking “of the oppo-
9 site sex who is a wife or husband” and inserting “in
10 a marriage recognized under section 103 of this
11 title”.

12 (b) DETERMINATION.—Subsection (c) of section 103
13 of such title is amended to read as follows:

14 “(c)(1) For the purposes of all laws administered by
15 the Secretary, the Secretary shall recognize a marriage
16 based on the law of the State where the marriage oc-
17 curred. In the case of a marriage that occurred outside
18 a State, the Secretary shall recognize the marriage if the
19 marriage was lawful in the place where it occurred and
20 could have been entered into under the laws of any State.

1 Except in the case of a purported marriage deemed valid
2 under subsection (a), the Secretary may not recognize
3 more than one marriage for any person at the same time.

4 “(2) In this subsection, the term ‘State’ has the
5 meaning given that the term in section 101(20) of this
6 title, except that such term also includes the Common-
7 wealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.”.

