

115TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 5044

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.

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

A BILL

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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”.

1 **SEC. 2. TECHNICAL AMENDMENT REGARDING TREATMENT**
2 **OF CERTAIN SURVIVING SPOUSES UNDER**
3 **CONTRACTING GOALS AND PREFERENCES OF**
4 **DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

5 Effective on the date specified in subsection (e) of
6 section 1832 of the National Defense Authorization Act
7 for Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114–328; 130 Stat.
8 2660), section 8127(k)(3) of title 38, United States Code,
9 as amended by such section 1832, is further amended by
10 inserting after the period at the end the following new sen-
11 tence: “A surviving spouse of such a veteran who is not
12 covered by subparagraph (C)(i) of such section by reason
13 of the disability rating of the veteran being less than 100
14 percent shall be treated as being so covered during the
15 period beginning on the date of the death of the veteran
16 and ending on the date that is three years after such
17 death, the date on which the surviving spouse remarries,
18 or the date on which the surviving spouse relinquishes an
19 ownership interest in the small business concern, which-
20 ever occurs first.”.

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