

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 5607

To amend title 38, United States Code, to extend increased dependency and indemnity compensation paid to surviving spouses of veterans who die from amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, regardless of how long the veterans had such disease prior to death.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 19, 2021

Ms. SLOTKIN (for herself and Mr. FITZPATRICK) 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 “Justice for ALS Vet-
5 erans Act of 2021”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF INCREASED DEPENDENCY AND IN-**
2 **DEMNITY COMPENSATION TO SURVIVING**
3 **SPOUSES OF VETERANS WHO DIE FROM**
4 **AMYOTROPHIC LATERAL SCLEROSIS.**

5 (a) **EXTENSION.**—Section 1311(a)(2) of title 38,
6 United States Code, is amended—

7 (1) by inserting “(A)” before “The rate”; and

8 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
9 paragraph:

10 “(B) A veteran who died from amyotrophic lateral
11 sclerosis shall be treated as a veteran described in sub-
12 paragraph (A) without regard for how long the veteran
13 had such disease prior to death.

14 “(C) For purposes of the payment of compensation
15 under this subsection by reason of the death of veteran
16 described in subparagraph (B), the term ‘surviving spouse’
17 means a person who was married to the veteran for a con-
18 tinuous period of eight years or longer prior to the death
19 of the veteran.”.

20 (b) **APPLICABILITY.**—Subparagraphs (B) and (C) of
21 section 1311(a)(2) of title 38, United States Code, as
22 added by subsection (a), shall apply to a veteran who dies
23 from amyotrophic lateral sclerosis on or after October 1,
24 2021.

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