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117TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. SLOTKIN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**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.