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118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. _____

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. PAPPAS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee
on _____

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 “Survivor Benefits Up-
5 date Act of 2024”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AF-**
2 **FAIRS DELIMITING DATE FOR CERTAIN BEN-**
3 **EFITS FOR SURVIVING SPOUSES OF PERSIAN**
4 **GULF WAR VETERANS.**

5 Section 1541(f)(1)(E) of title 38, United States
6 Code, is amended by striking “January 1, 2001” and in-
7 serting “the date that is ten years and one day after the
8 date of the termination of the Persian Gulf War, as pre-
9 scribed by Presidential proclamation or law,”.

10 **SEC. 3. MODIFICATION OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AF-**
11 **FAIRS PROCESSING OF SURVIVOR BENEFIT**
12 **CLAIMS.**

13 Section 5101(b)(1) of title 38, United States Code
14 is amended—

15 (1) by striking “shall also be considered” and
16 inserting “may also be considered” ; and

17 (2) by striking “shall be considered” and insert-
18 ing “may be considered”.