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117TH CONGRESS  
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**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

M. \_\_\_\_\_ 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 “DIC Modernization  
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. CONTINUED ELIGIBILITY FOR DEPENDENCY AND**  
2 **INDEMNITY COMPENSATION ON BASIS**  
3 **OTHER THAN AGE FOR CERTAIN SURVIVING**  
4 **SPOUSES WHO REMARRY.**

5 (a) ELIGIBILITY.—Section 103(d) of title 38, United  
6 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
7 lowing new paragraph:

8 “(6)(A) The remarriage of the surviving spouse of a  
9 veteran after a period of at least 10 consecutive years of  
10 entitlement to benefits under section 1311 of this title  
11 (without regard to whether such benefits were received by  
12 such person during the period) shall not bar the furnishing  
13 of such benefits to such person.

14 “(B) If the duration of the period specified in sub-  
15 paragraph (A) is less than 20 consecutive years, such per-  
16 son shall be entitled to receive the greater of the following:

17 “(i) An amount that is 50 percent of the  
18 amount that would otherwise be paid to such person  
19 under section 1311 of this title (except for any in-  
20 crease that would otherwise be paid to such person  
21 pursuant to subsection (b) or (f) of such section),  
22 plus 100 percent of any such increase.

23 “(ii) An amount to which such person is other-  
24 wise entitled to be paid under such section that ex-  
25 ceeds the amount under clause (i).

1           “(C) If the duration of such period is at least 20 con-  
2 secutive years, such person shall be entitled to receive 100  
3 percent of the amount that would otherwise be paid to  
4 such person under such section, including any increase  
5 that would otherwise be paid to such person pursuant to  
6 subsection (b) or (f) of such section.”.

7           (b) RESUMPTION OF PAYMENTS TO CERTAIN INDI-  
8 VIDUALS PREVIOUSLY DENIED DEPENDENCY AND IN-  
9 DEMNITY COMPENSATION.—Beginning not later than 180  
10 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
11 retary of Veterans Affairs shall resume payment of de-  
12 pendency and indemnity compensation under section 1311  
13 of title 38, United States Code, in accordance with section  
14 103(d)(6) of such title (as added by subsection (a)), to  
15 each living individual—

16           (1) who is the surviving spouse of a veteran;

17           and

18           (2) whose remarriage occurred—

19                   (A) during the 30-year period preceding  
20 the date of the enactment of this Act; and

21                   (B) after a period of at least 10 consecu-  
22 tive years of entitlement to such compensation.