

**[DISCUSSION DRAFT]**117<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

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**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

M. \_\_\_\_\_ 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 “Fry Scholarship En-  
5 hancement Act of 2021”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXPANSION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR MARINE GUNNERY**

2 **SERGEANT JOHN DAVID FRY SCHOLARSHIP.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3311(b)(8) of title 38,  
4 United States Code, is amended—

5 (1) by striking “dies in line of duty” and all  
6 that follows through the period at the end inserting  
7 “dies—”; and

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

10 “(A) in line of duty while serving on active  
11 duty as a member of the Armed Forces; or

12 “(B) from a service-connected disability  
13 during the 120-day period beginning on the  
14 first day immediately following the last day on  
15 which the individual was discharged or released  
16 from active duty as a member of the Armed  
17 Forces, but only if—

18 “(i) the person was discharged with  
19 an honorable discharge; or

20 “(ii) the person’s service in the Armed  
21 Forces was characterized by the Secretary  
22 concerned as honorable.”;

23 (b) APPLICABILITY.—The amendments made by sub-  
24 section (a) shall apply with respect to—

25 (1) deaths that occur on or after the date of the  
26 enactment of this Act; and

- 1 (2) a quarter, semester, or term, as applicable,
- 2 commencing on or after August 1, 2023.