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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 5, 1993

Mr. LEWIS of Florida (for himself, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. JOHNSON of Florida, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Mr. BACCHUS of Florida, Mrs. THURMAN, Mr. HASTING, and Mr. MILLER of Florida) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. EFFECTIVE DATE OF DISCONTINUANCE OF**  
2 **CERTAIN VETERANS' BENEFITS BY REASON**  
3 **OF DEATH OF RECIPIENT.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 5112(b)(1) of title 38,  
5 United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

6 “(1) by reason of—

7 “(A) the marriage or remarriage of the  
8 payee, shall be the last day of the month before  
9 the month during which such marriage or re-  
10 marriage occurs; and

11 “(B) the death of the payee, shall be (i)  
12 the last day of the month before the month dur-  
13 ing which the death occurs, or (ii) in the case  
14 of a payee who was in receipt of compensation  
15 or pension and who has a surviving spouse, the  
16 date on which the death occurs;”.

17 (b) PAYMENT OF BENEFIT FOR FINAL MONTH.—  
18 Section 5112 of such title is further amended by adding  
19 at the end the following new subsection:

20 “(d) In the case of discontinuance of payment of com-  
21 pensation or pension covered by subsection (b)(1)(B)(ii),  
22 the payment for the final calendar month (or any portion  
23 thereof) for which such benefit is payable shall (notwith-  
24 standing any other provision of law) be payable to the sur-  
25 viving spouse.”.

1 (c) COMMENCEMENT DATE FOR DIC.—Section  
2 5110(d) of such title is amended by adding at the end  
3 the following new paragraph:

4 “(3) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), the effective  
5 date of an award of dependency and indemnity compensa-  
6 tion for which application is received within one year from  
7 the date of death shall, in the case of a surviving spouse  
8 to whom an amount is payable pursuant to section  
9 5111(d) of this title, be the day following the date on  
10 which the death occurred.”.

11 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
12 this section shall apply with respect to the death of com-  
13 pensation and pension recipients occurring after the later  
14 of (1) September 30, 1993, or (2) the date of the enact-  
15 ment of this Act.

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