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2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 3972

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 14, 2002

Mr. JONES of North Carolina introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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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. INDEXING OF AMOUNT OF DEATH GRATUITY**

4 **FOR MEMBERS OF ARMED FORCES DYING ON**

5 **ACTIVE DUTY.**

6 Section 1478 of title 10, United States Code, is  
7 amended—

1           (1) in subsection (a), by inserting “, as in-  
2           creased from time to time under subsection (c)” be-  
3           fore the period at the end of the first sentence; and

4           (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
5           section:

6           “(c)(1) Whenever there is an increase in retired and  
7           retainer pay under section 1401a of this title, the amount  
8           in effect under subsection (a) shall be increased by the  
9           same percentage as the percentage of that increase, effec-  
10          tive on the effective date of that increase and applicable  
11          with respect to deaths on or after the effective date of  
12          that increase.

13          “(2) The amount under subsection (a) as increased  
14          at any time under paragraph (1) shall be rounded to the  
15          nearest \$100.”.

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