

# Union Calendar No. 556

118<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 3790

[Report No. 118-660]

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 1, 2023

Ms. SLOTKIN (for herself and Mr. FITZPATRICK) introduced the following bill;  
which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

SEPTEMBER 10, 2024

Additional sponsors: Mr. KILDEE, Ms. CARAVEO, Ms. PETERSEN, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. ALLRED, Mr. NICKEL, Ms. MATSUI, Ms. TLAIB, Mr. PHILLIPS, Ms. MANNING, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. VAN ORDEN, Mr. QUIGLEY, Ms. NORTON, Mr. HORSFORD, Mr. VAN DREW, Ms. ROSS, Mr. AMO, Ms. HOULAHAN, Ms. BROWNLEY, and Mr. SOTO

SEPTEMBER 10, 2024

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole  
House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italics]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on June 1, 2023]

# **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 “Justice for ALS Veterans*  
5 *Act of 2023”.*

6 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF INCREASED DEPENDENCY AND IN-**  
7 **DEMNITY COMPENSATION TO SURVIVING**  
8 **SPOUSES OF VETERANS WHO DIE FROM**  
9 **AMYOTROPHIC LATERAL SCLEROSIS.**

10       (a) *EXTENSION.*—*Section 1311(a)(2) of title 38,*  
11 *United States Code, is amended—*

12               (1) *by inserting “(A)” before “The rate”;* and

13               (2) *by adding at the end the following new sub-*  
14 *paragraph:*

15       “(B) *A veteran who died from amyotrophic lateral*  
16 *sclerosis shall be treated as a veteran described in subpara-*  
17 *graph (A) without regard for how long the veteran had such*  
18 *disease prior to death.*

19       “(C) *For purposes of the payment of compensation*  
20 *under this subsection by reason of the death of veteran de-*  
21 *scribed in subparagraph (B), the term ‘surviving spouse’*  
22 *means a person who was married to the veteran for a con-*  
23 *tinuous period of eight years or longer prior to the death*  
24 *of the veteran.”.*

1       (b) *APPLICABILITY.*—Subparagraphs (B) and (C) of  
2 section 1311(a)(2) of title 38, United States Code, as added  
3 by subsection (a), shall apply to a veteran who dies from  
4 amyotrophic lateral sclerosis on or after October 1, 2023.

5 **SEC. 3. REPORT ON ADDITIONAL MEDICAL CONDITIONS.**

6       (a) *REPORT REQUIRED.*—Not later than 180 days  
7 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Vet-  
8 erans Affairs shall submit to Congress a report that includes  
9 an identification of any service-connected disability, other  
10 than amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, that the Secretary deter-  
11 mines should be treated in the same manner as amyotrophic  
12 lateral sclerosis is treated under subparagraphs (B) and (C)  
13 of section 1311(a)(2) of title 38, United States Code, as  
14 added by section 2.

15       (b) *CONTENTS.*—The report required by subsection (a)  
16 shall include the following:

17           (1) A comprehensive list of service-connected dis-  
18 abilities with mortality rates exceeding 95 percent  
19 within eight years of diagnoses of persons with each  
20 such disability.

21           (2) Detailed information on the average life ex-  
22 pectancy for persons with each such disability.

23 **SEC. 4. MODIFICATION OF CERTAIN HOUSING LOAN FEES.**

24       The loan fee table in section 3729(b)(2) of title 38,  
25 United States Code, is amended by striking “November 15,

- 1 2031” each place it appears and inserting “December 2,
- 2 2031”.

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