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H. R. 9188

To amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain spouses eligible for services under the disabled veterans' outreach program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 30, 2024

Mr. BACON (for himself, Mr. CARBAJAL, Ms. KUSTER, Mr. NUNN of Iowa, Mr. PANETTA, and Mr. D'ESPOSITO) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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 “Gold Star and Sur-
5 viving Spouse Career Services Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ELIGIBILITY OF SPOUSES FOR SERVICES UNDER**
2 **THE DISABLED VETERANS' OUTREACH PRO-**
3 **GRAM.**

4 Section 4103A of title 38, United States Code, is
5 amended—

6 (1) in subsection (a)—

7 (A) in paragraph (1)—

8 (i) in the matter preceding subpara-
9 graph (A), by inserting “and eligible per-
10 sons” after “eligible veterans”; and

11 (ii) in subparagraph (C), by inserting
12 “, and eligible persons,” after “Other eligi-
13 ble veterans”;

14 (B) in paragraph (2), by inserting “and el-
15 igible persons” after “veterans” each place it
16 appears; and

17 (C) in paragraph (3)—

18 (i) by inserting “or eligible person”
19 after “veteran” each place it appears; and

20 (ii) by inserting “or eligible person’s”
21 after “veteran’s”;

22 (2) in subsection (d)(1)—

23 (A) by inserting “and eligible persons”
24 after “eligible veterans” each place it appears;
25 and

26 (B) by striking “non-veteran-related”; and

1 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-
2 section:

3 “(e) ELIGIBLE PERSON DEFINED.—In this section,
4 the term ‘eligible person’ means—

5 “(1) any spouse described in section 4101(5) of
6 this title; or

7 “(2) the spouse of any person who died while
8 a member of the Armed Forces.”.

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