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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 27, 1999

Mr. SCARBOROUGH (for himself, Mr. WELDON of Florida, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. PICKERING, and Mr. SMITH of Washington) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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## A BILL

To amend title 10, United States Code, to increase the minimum Survivor Benefit Plan basic annuity for surviving spouses age 62 and older, and for other purposes.

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 “Military Survivor Ben-  
5 efits Improvement Act of 1999”.

6 **SEC. 2. COMPUTATION OF SURVIVOR BENEFITS.**

7 (a) INCREASED BASIC ANNUITY.—(1) Subsection  
8 (a)(1)(B)(i) of section 1451 of title 10, United States  
9 Code, is amended by striking “35 percent of the base

1 amount.” and inserting “the product of the base amount  
2 and the percent applicable for the month. The percent ap-  
3 plicable for a month is 35 percent for months beginning  
4 on or before the date of the enactment of the Military Sur-  
5 vivor Benefits Improvement Act of 1999, 40 percent for  
6 months beginning after such date and before October  
7 2004, and 45 percent for months beginning after Sep-  
8 tember 2004.”.

9 (2) Subsection (a)(2)(B)(i)(I) of such section is  
10 amended by striking “35 percent” and inserting “the per-  
11 cent specified under subsection (a)(1)(B)(i) as being appli-  
12 cable for the month”.

13 (3) Subsection (c)(1)(B)(i) of such section is  
14 amended—

15 (A) by striking “35 percent” and inserting “the  
16 applicable percent”; and

17 (B) by adding at the end the following: “The  
18 percent applicable for a month under the preceding  
19 sentence is the percent specified under subsection  
20 (a)(1)(B)(i) as being applicable for the month.”.

21 (4) The heading for subsection (d)(2)(A) of such sec-  
22 tion is amended to read as follows: “COMPUTATION OF AN-  
23 NUITY.—”.

24 (b) ADJUSTED SUPPLEMENTAL ANNUITY.—Section  
25 1457(b) of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

1           (1) by striking “5, 10, 15, or 20 percent” and  
2           inserting “the applicable percent”; and

3           (2) by inserting after the first sentence the fol-  
4           lowing: “The percent used for the computation shall  
5           be an even multiple of 5 percent and, whatever the  
6           percent specified in the election, may not exceed 20  
7           percent for months beginning on or before the date  
8           of the enactment of the Military Survivor Benefits  
9           Improvement Act of 1999, 15 percent for months  
10          beginning after that date and before October 2004,  
11          and 10 percent for months beginning after Sep-  
12          tember 2004.”.

13          (c) RECOMPUTATION OF ANNUITIES.—(1) Effective  
14          on the first day of each month referred to in paragraph  
15          (2)—

16                (A) each annuity under section 1450 of title 10,  
17                United States Code, that commenced before that  
18                month, is computed under a provision of section  
19                1451 of that title amended by subsection (a), and is  
20                payable for that month shall be recomputed so as to  
21                be equal to the amount that would be in effect if the  
22                percent applicable for that month under that provi-  
23                sion, as so amended, had been used for the initial  
24                computation of the annuity; and

1           (B) each supplemental survivor annuity under  
2           section 1457 of such title that commenced before  
3           that month and is payable for that month shall be  
4           recomputed so as to be equal to the amount that  
5           would be in effect if the percent applicable for that  
6           month under that section, as amended by this sec-  
7           tion, had been used for the initial computation of  
8           the supplemental survivor annuity.

9           (2) The requirements for recomputation of annuities  
10          under paragraph (1) apply with respect to the following  
11          months:

12           (A) The first month that begins after the date  
13           of the enactment of this Act.

14           (B) October 2004.

15          (d) RECOMPUTATION OF RETIRED PAY REDUCTIONS  
16          FOR SUPPLEMENTAL SURVIVOR ANNUITIES.—The Sec-  
17          retary of Defense shall take such actions as are required  
18          by the amendments made by subsection (b) and the provi-  
19          sions of subsection (c)(1)(B) to ensure that the reductions  
20          in retired pay under section 1460 of title 10, United  
21          States Code, are adjusted to achieve the objectives set  
22          forth in subsection (b) of that section.

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