

106TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 5435

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 10, 2000

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey (for himself and Mr. SAXTON) 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 “Veterans’ Families
5 Protection Act of 2000”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEPENDENCY AND INDEMNITY COMPENSATION**
2 **FOR SURVIVING SPOUSES AND CHILDREN OF**
3 **CERTAIN VETERANS WITH A SERVICE-CON-**
4 **NECTED DISABILITY THAT WAS CONTINU-**
5 **OUSLY RATED TOTALLY DISABLING FOR A**
6 **PERIOD OF ONE OR MORE YEARS IMME-**
7 **DIATELY PRECEDING DEATH.**

8 Subsection (b) of section 1318 of title 38, United
9 States Code, is amended by striking “rated totally dis-
10 abling if—” and all that follows through the end of the
11 subsection and inserting “that was continuously rated to-
12 tally disabling for a period of one or more years imme-
13 diately preceding death.”.

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