

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

# H. R. 5355

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 9, 2002

Mrs. WILSON of New Mexico introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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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. ELIGIBILITY OF SURVIVING SPOUSES WHO RE-**  
4                       **MARRY FOR BURIAL IN NATIONAL CEME-**  
5                       **TERIES.**

6       (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2402(5) of title 38,  
7       United States Code, is amended by striking “(which for  
8       purposes of this chapter includes an unremarried surviving  
9       spouse who had a subsequent remarriage which was termi-  
10      nated by death or divorce)” and inserting “(which for pur-

1 poses of this chapter includes a surviving spouse who had  
2 a subsequent remarriage)”.  
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4 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by  
5 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to deaths occurring  
on or after January 1, 2000.

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