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H. R. 843

To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide full service-connected disability benefits for persons disabled by treatment or vocational rehabilitation provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs and for survivors of persons dying from such treatment.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 13, 2003

Mr. REYES (for himself, Mr. EVANS, Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida, Mr. FILNER, and Mr. ABERCROMBIE) 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 “Injured Veterans Ben-
5 efits Eligibility Act of 2003”.

1 **SEC. 2. FULL SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITY BENEFITS**
2 **FOR PERSON DISABLED BY TREATMENT OR**
3 **VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1151 of title 38, United
5 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
6 lowing new subsection:

7 “(c) A qualifying additional disability or a qualifying
8 death under this section shall be considered to be a serv-
9 ice-connected disability, or a death due to a service-con-
10 nected disability, for purposes of all laws administered by
11 the Secretary.”.

12 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Subsection (c) of section
13 1151 of title 38, United States Code, as added by sub-
14 section (a), shall apply with respect to service-connection
15 for purposes of eligibility for benefits and services provided
16 by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on or after the date
17 of the enactment of this Act.

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