

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

# H. R. 5550

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 17, 2010

Mrs. KIRKPATRICK of Arizona 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. DEFINITION OF “LOSS OF USE” FOR PURPOSES**

4                                **OF LAWS ADMINISTERED BY THE SECRETARY**

5                                **OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

6        Section 1101 of title 38, United States Code, is  
7        amended by adding at the end the following:

1           “(5) The term ‘loss of use’ with respect to an  
2           extremity means a condition in which no effective  
3           function of the extremity remains based on the ex-  
4           tent and pattern of nerve or other impairment that  
5           directly affects—

6                       “(A) in the case of a hand, the acts of  
7                       grasping, and manipulation;

8                       “(B) in the case of a foot, balance and  
9                       propulsion; or

10                      “(C) in the case of any other extremity,  
11                      the basic acts associated with use of the ex-  
12                      tremity.”.

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