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# H. R. 888

To amend title 38, United States Code, to improve dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain totally disabled veterans.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 6, 2017

Mr. JONES 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. AUTOMATIC ENROLLMENT FOR DEPENDENCY**  
4 **AND INDEMNITY COMPENSATION FOR SUR-**  
5 **VIVORS OF CERTAIN TOTALLY DISABLED**  
6 **VETERANS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1318(a) of title 38,  
8 United States Code, is amended—

9 (1) by striking “The Secretary” and inserting  
10 “(1) The Secretary”; and

1           (2) by adding at the end the following new  
2 paragraph:

3           “(2) In carrying out paragraph (1), the Secretary  
4 shall treat a notification of the death of a veteran de-  
5 scribed in subsection (b) as a claim by the surviving  
6 spouse and children of the deceased veteran for benefits  
7 under this chapter. The Secretary may not require that  
8 such spouse and children file a claim for such benefits.”.

9           (b) APPLICATION.—The amendments made by this  
10 section shall apply with respect to deaths of veterans oc-  
11 ccurring on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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