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# H. R. 2323

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 15, 2019

Ms. ESHOO introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Spousal Membership  
5 for Veterans Organizations Act of 2019”.

1 **SEC. 2. SPOUSES, WIDOWS, AND WIDOWERS TAKEN INTO**  
2 **ACCOUNT IN DETERMINING TAX EXEMPT**  
3 **STATUS OF CERTAIN VETERANS ORGANIZA-**  
4 **TIONS.**

5 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 501(c)(19) of the Internal  
6 Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end  
7 the following flush matter:

8 “Any post or organization for which there is no aux-  
9 iliary unit or society may elect to take into account  
10 any member who is a spouse, widow, or widower of  
11 a past or present member of the Armed Forces of  
12 the United States for purposes of determining  
13 whether the post or organization meets the 75-per-  
14 cent requirement of subparagraph (B).”.

15 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by  
16 this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after  
17 the date of the enactment of this Act.

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