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H. R. 464

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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. JONES 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. 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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