

116TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 5378

To extend the death gratuity and casualty assistance to survivors of certain deceased graduates of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 10, 2019

Mr. BROWN of Maryland (for himself, Mr. HOYER, and Mr. BACON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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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 “Second Lieutenant  
5 Richard W. Collins III Memorial Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEATH GRATUITY FOR ROTC GRADUATES.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1475(a)(4) of title 10,  
8 United States Code, is amended by adding “; or a grad-  
9 uate of a reserve officers’ training corps who received a

1 commission but has yet to receive a first duty assignment;  
2 or” at the end.

3 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment under sub-  
4 section (a) applies to deaths on or after the date of the  
5 enactment of this Act.

6 **SEC. 3. CASUALTY ASSISTANCE FOR ROTC GRADUATES.**

7 Section 633 of the National Defense Authorization  
8 Act for Fiscal Year 2014 (10 U.S.C. 1475 note) is amend-  
9 ed by adding at the end the following new subsection:

10 “(c) ROTC GRADUATES.—

11 “(1) TREATED AS MEMBERS.—For purposes of  
12 this section, a graduate of a reserve officers’ train-  
13 ing corps who receives a commission and who dies  
14 before receiving a first duty assignment shall be  
15 treated as a member of the Armed Forces who dies  
16 while on active duty.

17 “(2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This subsection ap-  
18 plies to deaths on or after the date of the enactment  
19 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal  
20 Year 2020.”.

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