

116TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 4166

To require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to secure medical opinions for veterans with service-connected disabilities who die from COVID–19 to determine whether their service-connected disabilities were the principal or contributory cases of death, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 2, 2020

Ms. SINEMA (for herself and Mr. TILLIS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Ensuring Survivors
5 Benefits during COVID–19 Act of 2020”.

1 **SEC. 2. MEDICAL OPINIONS FOR CERTAIN VETERANS WITH**
2 **SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITIES WHO DIE**
3 **OF COVID-19.**

4 In any case in which a veteran with a service-con-
5 nected disability dies from Coronavirus Disease 2019
6 (COVID-19), or complications caused by such disease,
7 and the death certificate of the veteran does not clearly
8 identify the service-connected disability as the principal or
9 contributory cause of death, the Secretary of Veterans Af-
10 fairs shall secure a medical opinion to determine if the
11 service-connected disability was the principal or contribu-
12 tory cause of death.

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