

116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 3091

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 18, 2019

Mr. COONS (for himself and Ms. MURKOWSKI) 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 “Justice for ALS Vet-
5 erans Act of 2019”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF INCREASED DEPENDENCY AND IN-**
2 **DEMNITY COMPENSATION TO SURVIVING**
3 **SPOUSES OF VETERANS WHO DIE FROM**
4 **AMYOTROPHIC LATERAL SCLEROSIS.**

5 (a) EXTENSION.—Section 1311(a)(2) of title 38,
6 United States Code, is amended—

7 (1) by inserting “(A)” before “The rate”; and

8 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
9 paragraph:

10 “(B) A veteran whom the Secretary determines died
11 from amyotrophic lateral sclerosis shall be treated as a
12 veteran described in subparagraph (A) without regard for
13 how long the veteran had such disease prior to death.”.

14 (b) APPLICABILITY.—Subparagraph (B) of section
15 1311(a)(2) of title 38, United States Code, as added by
16 subsection (a), shall apply to a veteran who dies from
17 amyotrophic lateral sclerosis on or after October 1, 2019.

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