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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

January 10, 2019

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 Representatives 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— (1) by striking "The Secretary" and inserting 9 "(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 curring on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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