

CALL TO ACTION

H.R. 1004, THE “LOVE LIVES ON ACT OF 2025” S. 410, THE “LOVE LIVES ON ACT OF 2025”

The **Love Lives On Act** allows surviving spouses of fallen service members, many with young children, to remarry at any age without losing earned military survivor and veterans' benefits.

The Current Problem It Fixes

Known as the “remarriage penalty,” under existing law, a widow or widower, whose spouse died due to military service, loses important survivor benefits if they remarry **before age 55**. They face a heartbreaking choice: stay single to keep the health coverage and income their loved one “earned” through service, or remarry and risk financial hardship for themselves and their children.

What the Love Lives on Act Would Change (in Simple Terms)

Three benefits surviving spouses keep (or regain) under the bill if they remarry at **any age**:

1. **Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC)** — Monthly survivor benefits to support the family. Remarriage currently terminates this payment.
2. **Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP)** — If the service member paid for a lifetime annuity, the bill stops the DoD from ending it (as is current practice) if the surviving spouse remarries.
3. **TRICARE Health Coverage** — Spouse may keep or regain health benefits if a surviving spouse remarries and if that new marriage later ends (by death, divorce, or annulment).

*“Forcing a surviving spouse to choose between rebuilding their life and protecting their family’s financial security is simply wrong.” “The Love Lives On Act sends a clear message: the sacrifice made by a military family never expires, and the benefits earned through that sacrifice should not disappear because someone chooses to find hope again.” **Representative Richard Hudson.***

In keeping with President Martha Jenkins’ “Make Families Strong Again” goal, please contact Members of Congress and ask them to sponsor and vote YES on the passage of these bills.

Constituents rarely call a member’s office. When they do, it has impact, and it is easy to do!

Call the U.S. Capitol at **202-224-3121** and ask for a House or Senate member.

Link to: [U.S. House of Representative Members](#) Link to: [U.S. Senate Members](#)

Here’s how to call a member’s office and the information to give:

- Your name and if you are a constituent
- The bill or issue are you calling about and your position on the bill
- Request that the member will – sponsor, or support, or vote to pass the bill
- Staffers keep a record of the number of callers on a bill and the action the callers request
- Staffers are busy and rarely want to discuss the merits of the bill
- Leaving a voice mail message with the basic information is equally valid and counts
- Always thank them for considering your request