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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SUNDQUIST introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Armed Services

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. MODIFICATION OF SOCIAL SECURITY OFFSET**
2 **UNDER MILITARY SURVIVOR BENEFIT PLAN.**

3 (a) REPEAL OF OFFSET FOR BENEFIT BASED ON
4 BENEFICIARY'S OWN EARNINGS.—Section 1451(e) of title
5 10, United States Code, is amended—

6 (1) by striking out “would be entitled” in para-
7 graph (3)(A) and inserting in lieu thereof “is enti-
8 tled”; and

9 (2) by striking out the period at the end of
10 paragraph (4)(A) and inserting in lieu thereof “or to
11 the extent that the benefit to which the widow or
12 widower is entitled is based on the widow or widow-
13 er's own earnings or self-employment.”.

14 (b) RECOMPUTATION OF EXISTING ANNUITIES.—(1)
15 In the case of an individual who is a beneficiary under
16 the Survivor Benefit Plan and who is described in para-
17 graph (2), the Secretary concerned shall recompute the
18 amount of such individual's annuity under such Plan as
19 provided in subsection (e) of section 1451 of title 10, Unit-
20 ed States Code, as amended by subsection (a), if such re-
21 computation is more favorable to the individual.

22 (2) Paragraph (1) applies to an individual—

23 (A) who is eligible under paragraph (1) of sub-
24 section (e) of such section to have the individual's
25 annuity under the Survivor Benefit Plan computed
26 under such subsection; and

1 (B) who during the period beginning on Octo-
2 ber 1, 1985, and ending on the date of the enact-
3 ment of this Act—

4 (i) became eligible for such an annuity and
5 whose annuity is computed under subsection
6 (a)(1)(B), (a)(2)(B), or (c)(1)(B) of such sec-
7 tion rather than under subsection (e) of such
8 section; or

9 (ii) while in receipt of such an annuity be-
10 came 62 years of age and had the annuity re-
11 duced under subsection (d)(2)(A) of such sec-
12 tion rather than under subsection (d)(2)(B).

13 (3) For purposes of this paragraph, the term “Survi-
14 vor Benefit Plan” means the program under subchapter
15 II of chapter 73 of title 10, United States Code.

16 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
17 subsection (a) and the provisions of subsection (b) shall
18 apply only in the case of payments of annuities for periods
19 that begin after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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