

117TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 4308

To amend title 38, United States Code, to modify the definition of spouse and surviving spouse to include all individuals lawfully married, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 25, 2022

Mr. PETERS (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. MURKOWSKI, and Ms. HASSAN) 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 “Veterans Marriage
5 Recognition Act of 2022”.

1 **SEC. 2. MODIFICATION OF DEFINITION OF SPOUSE AND**
2 **SURVIVING SPOUSE FOR DEPARTMENT OF**
3 **VETERANS AFFAIRS TO INCLUDE ALL INDI-**
4 **VIDUALS LAWFULLY MARRIED.**

5 Section 101 of title 38, United States Code, is
6 amended—

7 (1) in paragraph (3), by striking “of the oppo-
8 site sex who was the spouse of a veteran” and in-
9 serting “who was lawfully married to a veteran, in-
10 cluding a marriage between two persons of the same
11 sex,”; and

12 (2) in paragraph (31), by striking “of the oppo-
13 site sex”.

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