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H. R. 3178

To amend titles 10 and 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements to benefits for survivors of deceased graduates of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 10, 2019

Mr. BROWN of Maryland introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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. DEATH GRATUITY FOR ROTC GRADUATES.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1475(a)(4) of title 10,
5 United States Code, is amended by adding “; or a grad-
6 uate of a reserve officers’ training corps who has yet to
7 receive a first duty assignment; or” at the end.

1 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment under sub-
2 section (a) applies to deaths on or after the date of the
3 enactment of this Act.

4 **SEC. 2. CASUALTY ASSISTANCE FOR ROTC GRADUATES.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 633 of the National De-
6 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014 (10 U.S.C.
7 1475 note) is amended by adding at the end the following
8 new subsection:

9 “(c) ROTC GRADUATES TREATED AS MEMBERS.—
10 For purposes of this section, a graduate of a reserve offi-
11 cers’ training corps who dies before receiving a first duty
12 assignment shall be treated as a member of the Armed
13 Forces who dies while on active duty.”.

14 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment under sub-
15 section (a) applies to deaths on or after the date of the
16 enactment of this Act.

17 **SEC. 3. SERVICEMEMBERS’ GROUP LIFE INSURANCE FOR**
18 **ROTC GRADUATES.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1967(a)(1) of title 38,
20 United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the
21 following new subparagraph:

22 “(D) Any graduate of a reserve officers’ train-
23 ing corps who has not received a first duty assign-
24 ment.”.

1 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment under sub-
2 section (a) applies to deaths on or after the date of the
3 enactment of this Act.

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