

117TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 6849

To amend title 38, United States Code, to update certain terminology related to marriage under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 25, 2022

Ms. NEWMAN (for herself, Mr. JONES, and Mr. KAHELE) 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 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 “Supporting All Veteran
5 Families Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS MARRIAGE**
7 **TERMINOLOGY.**

8 (a) DEFINITIONS.—Section 101 of title 38, United
9 States Code, is amended—

10 (1) in paragraph (3)—

1 (A) by striking “of the opposite sex”; and

2 (B) by striking “or (in cases not involving
3 remarriage) has not since the death of the vet-
4 eran, and after September 19, 1962, lived with
5 another person and held himself or herself out
6 openly to the public to be the spouse of such
7 other person”; and

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

10 (b) SPECIAL PROVISIONS RELATING TO MAR-
11 RIAGES.—Section 103 of title 38, United States Code, is
12 amended by striking “and holding himself or herself out
13 openly to the public as that person’s spouse”.

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