

Caring for Survivors Act of 2025 (H.R. 2055/S. 611)



What does it do?

- ★ The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) provides Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) to qualified survivors of servicemembers and veterans.
- ★ The **Caring for Survivors Act would increase the DIC benefit by approximately \$450 per month or \$5,400 a year.**
- ★ The Caring for Survivors Act would also reduce DIC's 10-year period of eligibility for 100 percent disabled veterans to 5 years. By decreasing the time period, it would expand eligibility to this benefit to survivors of more seriously disabled veterans.



Why is it needed?

- ★ DIC rates have only received minimal adjustments since 1993 and have not kept up with the cost of living.
- ★ By increasing the amount of DIC to an amount equal to 55 percent of the compensation received by a 100 percent service-disabled veteran with a spouse, the **Caring for Survivors Act would bring DIC in line with similar benefits offered to federal employees.**
- ★ Reducing the barriers to DIC can give seriously disabled veterans peace of mind that their survivors will be cared for financially after their death.