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# H. R. 241

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 8, 2003

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey (for himself and Mr. EVANS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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## 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 Beneficiary  
5 Fairness Act of 2003”.

1 **SEC. 2. PAYMENT OF ACCRUED BENEFITS.**

2 (a) REPEAL OF LIMITATION ON PAYMENT.—Sub-  
3 section (a) of section 5121 of title 38, United States Code,  
4 is amended by striking “for a period not to exceed two  
5 years” in the matter preceding paragraph (1).

6 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
7 subsection (a) shall take effect with respect to deaths oc-  
8 ccurring on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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