

110TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 2946

To amend title 38, United States Code, to make a stillborn child an insurable dependent for purposes of the Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance program, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 30, 2008

Mr. VITTER (for himself and Mr. BROWNBACK) 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. TREATMENT OF STILLBORN CHILDREN AS IN-**
4 **SURABLE DEPENDENTS UNDER**
5 **SERVICEMEMBERS' GROUP LIFE INSURANCE.**

6 (a) TREATMENT.—Section 1965 of title 38, United
7 States Code, is amended—

1 (1) in paragraph (10), by adding at the end the
 2 following new subparagraph:

3 “(C) The member’s stillborn natural
 4 child.”; and

5 (2) by adding at the end the following new
 6 paragraph:

7 “(11)(A) Except as provided in subparagraph
 8 (B), the term ‘stillborn natural child’ means a nat-
 9 ural child—

10 “(i) whose death occurs before expulsion,
 11 extraction, or delivery; and

12 “(ii) whose—

13 “(I) fetal weight is greater than 500
 14 grams;

15 “(II) in the event fetal weight is un-
 16 known, duration in utero exceeds 22 com-
 17 pleted weeks of gestation; or

18 “(III) in the event neither fetal weight
 19 nor duration in utero is known, body
 20 length (crown-to-heel) is 25 centimeters or
 21 more.

22 “(B) The term does not include any fetus or
 23 child extracted for purposes of an abortion.”.

24 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 101(4)(A)
 25 of such title is amended by striking “section 1965(10)(B)”

- 1 in the matter preceding clause (i) and inserting “subpara-
- 2 graph (B) or (C) of section 1965(10)”.

