

113TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 4102

To amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify that the estate of a deceased veteran may receive certain accrued benefits upon the death of the veteran, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 26, 2014

Mr. MILLER of Florida (for himself and Mrs. WALORSKI) 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. CLARIFICATION OF ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS OF**
4 **CERTAIN ACCRUED BENEFITS UPON DEATH**
5 **OF BENEFICIARY.**

6 (a) ELIGIBILITY OF ESTATE.—Section 5121(a)(2) of
7 title 38, United States Code, is amended—

1 (1) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A),
2 by inserting “, or estate,” after “person”; and

3 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
4 paragraph:

5 “(D) The estate of the veteran (unless the
6 estate will escheat).”.

7 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
8 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to the death of an
9 individual on or after the date of the enactment of this
10 Act.

11 (c) RELIEF OF ESTATE OF SHELTON HICKERSON.—
12 Notwithstanding section 5121 of title 38, United States
13 Code, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall pay to the
14 estate of Shelton Hickerson, formerly of Indianapolis, In-
15 diana, the sum of \$377,342, representing the amount that
16 the Secretary awarded to Shelton Hickerson on the date
17 of his death but was not payable to any survivor or the
18 estate of Shelton Hickerson.

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