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# H. R. 3178

To amend titles 10 and 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements to benefits for survivors of deceased graduates of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 10, 2019

Mr. BROWN of Maryland introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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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. DEATH GRATUITY FOR ROTC GRADUATES.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1475(a)(4) of title 10,  
5 United States Code, is amended by adding “; or a grad-  
6 uate of a reserve officers’ training corps who has yet to  
7 receive a first duty assignment; or” at the end.

1 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment under sub-  
2 section (a) applies to deaths on or after the date of the  
3 enactment of this Act.

4 **SEC. 2. CASUALTY ASSISTANCE FOR ROTC GRADUATES.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 633 of the National De-  
6 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014 (10 U.S.C.  
7 1475 note) is amended by adding at the end the following  
8 new subsection:

9 “(c) ROTC GRADUATES TREATED AS MEMBERS.—  
10 For purposes of this section, a graduate of a reserve offi-  
11 cers’ training corps who dies before receiving a first duty  
12 assignment shall be treated as a member of the Armed  
13 Forces who dies while on active duty.”.

14 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment under sub-  
15 section (a) applies to deaths on or after the date of the  
16 enactment of this Act.

17 **SEC. 3. SERVICEMEMBERS’ GROUP LIFE INSURANCE FOR**  
18 **ROTC GRADUATES.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1967(a)(1) of title 38,  
20 United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the  
21 following new subparagraph:

22 “(D) Any graduate of a reserve officers’ train-  
23 ing corps who has not received a first duty assign-  
24 ment.”.

1       (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment under sub-  
2 section (a) applies to deaths on or after the date of the  
3 enactment of this Act.

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