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Ms. BROWNLEY of California introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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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 “Amend the Code for  
5 Marriage Equality Act of 2017”.

6 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS.**

7 (a) ACT OF AUGUST 16, 1941.—Section 2(b) of the  
8 Act of August 16, 1941, entitled “An Act to provide com-  
9 pensation for disability or death to persons employed at  
10 military, air, and naval bases outside the United States.”

1 (42 U.S.C. 1652(b)) is amended by striking “wife” each  
2 place such term appears and inserting “spouse”.

3 (b) ACT OF AUGUST 4, 1955.—Section 43(a) of the  
4 Act of August 4, 1955, entitled “An Act to direct the Sec-  
5 retary of Agriculture to release on behalf of the United  
6 States conditions in two deeds conveying certain submar-  
7 ginal lands to Clemson Agricultural College of South  
8 Carolina so as to permit such college, subject to certain  
9 conditions, to sell, lease, or otherwise dispose of such  
10 lands.” (42 U.S.C. 2333(a)) is amended by striking “hus-  
11 band and wife” and inserting “married couple”.

12 (c) ACT OF DECEMBER 2, 1942.—Section 101(c) of  
13 the Act of December 2, 1942, entitled “An Act to provide  
14 compensation for the injury, disability, death, or enemy  
15 detention of employees of contractors with the United  
16 States, and for other purposes.” (42 U.S.C. 1701(c)) is  
17 amended by striking “wife or husband” each place such  
18 term appears and inserting “spouse”.

19 (d) ACT OF FEBRUARY 28, 1891.—Section 5 of the  
20 Act of February 28, 1891 (25 U.S.C. 371), is amended  
21 by striking “husband and wife” and inserting “a married  
22 couple”.

23 (e) ACT OF SEPTEMBER 2, 1960.—The Act of Sep-  
24 tember 2, 1960, entitled “An Act to provide for continued  
25 delivery of water under the Federal reclamation laws to

1 lands held by husband and wife upon the death of either”  
2 (43 U.S.C. 423h) is amended—

3 (1) in the title, by striking “husband and wife  
4 upon the death of either” and inserting “a married  
5 couple upon the death of either spouse”; and

6 (2) by striking “husband or wife” and inserting  
7 “married person”.

8 (f) CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY ACT OF  
9 1949.—The Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949 (50  
10 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.) is amended—

11 (1) in the heading of section 16(c), by striking  
12 “Wives or Husbands” and inserting “Spouses”; and

13 (2) in section 19(b)(4), by striking “widow or  
14 widower, former spouse, and/or a child or children as  
15 defined in section 204 and section 232 of the Cen-  
16 tral Intelligence Agency Retirement Act of 1964 for  
17 Certain Employees” and inserting “surviving spouse,  
18 former spouse, or child as defined in section 102 of  
19 the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement Act”.

20 (g) CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY RETIREMENT  
21 ACT.—The Central Intelligence Agency Retirement Act  
22 (50 U.S.C. 2001 et seq.) is amended—

23 (1) in section 221(d)(5), by striking “former  
24 wife or husband of” and inserting “person who has  
25 been, but is no longer, married to”;

1           (2) in section 232(c)(3), by striking “former  
2       wife or husband of” and inserting “person who has  
3       been, but is no longer, married to”;

4           (3) in section 241—

5               (A) in subsection (b)—

6                   (i) in paragraph (2), by inserting after  
7               “former spouse” the following: “(as de-  
8               fined under section 102)”;

9                   (ii) in paragraph (3)—

10                       (I) in the heading, by striking  
11               “wife or husband” and inserting  
12               “spouse other than as defined under  
13               section 102”; and

14                       (II) by striking “former wife or  
15               husband of the former participant”  
16               and inserting “person who has been,  
17               but is no longer, married to the  
18               former participant, but who is not a  
19               former spouse as defined under suc-  
20               tion 102”; and

21                       (iii) in paragraph (4)(A), by striking  
22               “former wife or husband” and inserting  
23               “person”;

24               (B) in subsection (c)(2), by striking “sur-  
25       viving wife or husband of such participant” and

1 inserting “person who was married to such par-  
2 ticipant at the participant’s death”; and

3 (C) in paragraph (d)(2)—

4 (i) by striking “surviving former  
5 spouse or surviving former wife or husband  
6 of such participant” and inserting “per-  
7 son”; and

8 (ii) by striking “to such former spouse  
9 or former wife or husband” and inserting  
10 “under such paragraph”; and

11 (4) in section 304(d)(2), by striking “widow or  
12 widower” each place such term appears and insert-  
13 ing “surviving spouse”.

14 (h) ENERGY EMPLOYEES OCCUPATIONAL ILLNESS  
15 COMPENSATION PROGRAM ACT OF 2000.—The Energy  
16 Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program  
17 Act of 2000 (42 U.S.C. 7384 et seq.) is amended—

18 (1) in section 3628(e)(3)(A), by striking “wife  
19 or husband of that individual” and inserting “per-  
20 son”; and

21 (2) in section 3630(e)(3)(A), by striking “wife  
22 or husband of that individual” and inserting “per-  
23 son”.

24 (i) ETHICS IN GOVERNMENT ACT OF 1978.—Section  
25 109(16) of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 (5

1 U.S.C. App. 109(16)) is amended by striking “husband,  
2 wife” and inserting “spouse”.

3 (j) FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE ACT OF 1993.—  
4 Section 102(f) of the Family and Medical Leave Act of  
5 1993 (29 U.S.C. 2612(f)) is amended—

6 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “husband and  
7 wife” and inserting “married couple”; and

8 (2) in paragraph (2)—

9 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “that  
10 husband and wife” and inserting “such  
11 spouses”; and

12 (B) in subparagraph (B), by striking “hus-  
13 band and wife” and inserting “married couple”.

14 (k) FEDERAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN ACT OF 1971.—  
15 Section 313(c)(3)(B) of the Federal Election Campaign  
16 Act of 1971 (52 U.S.C. 30114(c)(3)(B)) is amended by  
17 striking “husband, wife” and inserting “spouse”.

18 (l) FEDERAL MINE SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT OF  
19 1977.—The Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977  
20 (30 U.S.C. 801 et seq.) is amended—

21 (1) in section 402—

22 (A) in subsection (a)(2)—

23 (i) by striking “wife who is a member  
24 of the same household of the miner” and

1 inserting “spouse who is a member of the  
2 same household as the miner”;

3 (ii) by striking “miner for her sup-  
4 port” and inserting “miner for his or her  
5 support”;

6 (iii) by striking “whose husband is a  
7 miner who has been ordered by a court to  
8 contribute to her support” and inserting  
9 “for whose support the miner has been or-  
10 dered by a court to contribute”;

11 (iv) by striking “216(b) (1) or (2)”  
12 and inserting “216(b)(1) or (2)”;

13 (v) by striking “status as the ‘wife’ of  
14 a miner” and inserting “status as the  
15 ‘spouse’ of a miner”;

16 (vi) by striking “‘wife’ also includes a  
17 ‘divorced wife’ as defined in section  
18 216(d)(1)” and inserting “‘spouse’ also in-  
19 cludes a ‘divorced spouse’ as defined in  
20 section 216(d)(9)”;

21 (vii) by striking “one-half of her sup-  
22 port” and inserting “half of his or her sup-  
23 port”; and

24 (viii) by inserting “his or” before “her  
25 support from such miner”; and

1 (B) in subsection (e)—

2 (i) by striking “widow includes the  
3 wife” and inserting “surviving spouse in-  
4 cludes the spouse”;

5 (ii) by striking “individual’s status as  
6 the ‘widow’ ” and inserting “individual’s  
7 status as the ‘surviving spouse’ ”;

8 (iii) by striking “surviving divorced  
9 wife” and inserting “surviving divorced  
10 spouse”; and

11 (iv) by inserting “his or” before “her”  
12 each place such term appears;

13 (2) in section 411(c)(4)—

14 (A) by striking “widow’s,” and inserting  
15 “surviving spouse’s,”; and

16 (B) by striking “wife’s” and inserting  
17 “spouse’s”; and

18 (3) in section 413(b)—

19 (A) by striking “wife’s” and inserting  
20 “surviving spouse’s”; and

21 (B) by striking “widow,” and inserting  
22 “surviving spouse,”.

23 (m) FOREIGN SERVICE ACT OF 1980.—The Foreign  
24 Service Act of 1980 (22 U.S.C. 3901 et seq.) is amend-  
25 ed—



1           (1) in the item relating to the first section 830  
2           in the table of contents, by striking “wives and hus-  
3           bands” and inserting “spouses”;

4           (2) in section 804—

5                 (A) in paragraph (6), by striking “former  
6                 wife or husband of a participant or former par-  
7                 ticipant” and inserting “person”; and

8                 (B) in paragraph (13), by striking “sur-  
9                 viving wife or husband of a participant or annu-  
10                itant who was married to the” and inserting  
11                “person who was married to a”;

12           (3) in section 815(f)(2), by striking “wife or  
13           husband” and inserting “spouse”; and

14           (4) in the first section 830 (relating to qualified  
15           former wives and husbands)—

16                 (A) in the heading of such section, by  
17                 striking “former wives and husbands” and in-  
18                 serting “spouses”;

19                 (B) in subsection (a), by striking “quali-  
20                 fied former wife or husband” and inserting  
21                 “qualified former spouse”; and

22                 (C) in subsection (c), by striking “former  
23                 wife or husband” each place such term occurs  
24                 and inserting “former spouse”.

1 (n) IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY ACT.—The Im-  
2 migration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101 et seq.) is  
3 amended—

4 (1) in section 101(a)(35) (8 U.S.C.  
5 1101(a)(35))—

6 (A) by striking “, ‘wife’, or ‘husband’ ”;  
7 and

8 (B) by striking “, wife, or husband”;

9 (2) in section 202(b) (8 U.S.C. 1152(b)), by  
10 striking “husband and wife” and inserting  
11 “spouses”;

12 (3) in section 278 (8 U.S.C. 1328), by striking  
13 “a husband or wife shall be admissible and com-  
14 petent evidence against each other” and inserting  
15 “an individual shall be admissible and competent  
16 evidence against such individual’s spouse”; and

17 (4) in section 283 (8 U.S.C. 1353), by striking  
18 “wives” and inserting “spouses”.

19 (o) INDIAN LAND CONSOLIDATION ACT.—Section  
20 207(j)(3)(A)(ii) of the Indian Land Consolidation Act (25  
21 U.S.C. 2206) is amended by striking “husband and wife”  
22 and inserting “the participants as spouses”.

23 (p) INTERNAL REVENUE CODE.—The Internal Rev-  
24 enue Code of 1986 is amended—

1           (1) in the matter following section 21(d)(2)(B),  
2       by striking “husband and wife” and inserting “mar-  
3       ried couple”;

4           (2) in section 22(e)(1), by striking “husband  
5       and wife” and inserting “married couple”;

6           (3) in section 38(c)(6)(A), by striking “husband  
7       or wife” and inserting “spouse”;

8           (4) in section 42(j)(5)(C)—

9               (A) in the heading of clause (i), by striking  
10       “Husband and wife” and inserting “Married  
11       couple”; and

12               (B) in clause (i), by striking “a husband  
13       and wife” and inserting “a married couple”;

14           (5) in section 62(b)(3)(A), by striking “hus-  
15       band and wife” and inserting “married couple”;

16           (6) in section 121—

17               (A) in subsection (b)(2), by striking “hus-  
18       band and wife” and inserting “married couple”;  
19       and

20               (B) in subsection (d)(1), by striking “hus-  
21       band and wife make” and inserting “married  
22       couple makes”;

23           (7) in section 165(h)(4)(B), by striking “hus-  
24       band and wife” and inserting “married couple”;

1           (8) in section 179(b)(4), by striking “husband  
2     and wife” and inserting “married couple”;

3           (9) in section 213(d)(8), by striking “husband  
4     and wife” and inserting “a married couple”;

5           (10) in section 219(g)(4), by striking “A hus-  
6     band and wife” and inserting “Spouses”;

7           (11) in section 274(b)(2)(B), by striking “hus-  
8     band and wife” and inserting “married couple”;

9           (12) in the matter following section 643(f)(2),  
10    by striking “husband and wife” and inserting “mar-  
11    ried couple”;

12           (13) in section 682—

13           (A) in subsection (a)—

14               (i) in the heading, by striking “wife”  
15               and inserting “recipient”;

16               (ii) by striking “gross income of a  
17               wife” and inserting “gross income of an in-  
18               dividual”;

19               (iii) by striking “separated from her  
20               husband” and inserting “separated from  
21               his or her spouse”;

22               (iv) by striking “such wife is entitled  
23               to receive” and inserting “such person is  
24               entitled to receive”;

1 (v) by striking “gross income of her  
2 husband” and inserting “gross income of  
3 his or her spouse”;

4 (vi) by striking “gross income of such  
5 husband” and inserting “gross income of  
6 such spouse”; and

7 (vii) by striking “minor children of  
8 such husband” and inserting “minor chil-  
9 dren of such spouse”; and

10 (B) in subsection (b)—

11 (i) in the heading, by striking “Wife”  
12 and inserting “Recipient”;

13 (ii) by striking “a wife to whom sub-  
14 section (a) applies” and inserting “an indi-  
15 vidual who receives income from a trust to  
16 which subsection (a) applies”; and

17 (iii) by striking “such wife” and in-  
18 serting “such individual”;

19 (14) in section 761(f), by striking “husband  
20 and wife” each place such term appears and insert-  
21 ing “married couple”;

22 (15) in section 911—

23 (A) in subsection (b)(2)(C)—

1 (i) by striking “husband or wife” and  
2 inserting “member of a married couple”;  
3 and

4 (ii) by striking “husband and wife”  
5 and inserting “married couple”; and

6 (B) in subsection (d)(9), by striking “a  
7 husband and wife” and inserting “the members  
8 of a married couple”;

9 (16) in section 1244(b)(2), by striking “hus-  
10 band and wife” and inserting “married couple”;

11 (17) in section 1272(a)(2)(E)(iii)—

12 (A) in the heading of such clause, by strik-  
13 ing “husband and wife” and inserting “married  
14 couple”; and

15 (B) by striking “husband and wife” and  
16 inserting “married couple”;

17 (18) in section 1313(c)(1), by striking “hus-  
18 band and wife” and inserting “spouse”;

19 (19) in section 1361(c)(1)(A)(i), by striking  
20 “husband and wife” and inserting “married couple”;

21 (20) in the heading of section 2040(b), by strik-  
22 ing “husband and wife” and inserting “spouses”;

23 (21) in the item relating to section 2513 in the  
24 table of contents for subchapter B of chapter 12 of

1 subtitle B, by striking “husband or wife” and insert-  
2 ing “spouse”;

3 (22) in the heading of section 2513, by striking  
4 “husband or wife” and inserting “spouse”;

5 (23) in section 2516, by striking “a husband  
6 and wife” and inserting “the members of a married  
7 couple”;

8 (24) in section 5733(d)(2), by striking “a hus-  
9 band or wife” and inserting “an individual”;

10 (25) in the item relating to section 6013 in the  
11 table of contents for subpart B of part II of sub-  
12 chapter A of chapter 61 of subtitle F, by striking  
13 “husband and wife” and inserting “married couple”;

14 (26) in section 6013—

15 (A) in the heading, by striking “husband  
16 and wife” and inserting “married couple”;

17 (B) in subsection (a)—

18 (i) in the matter preceding paragraph  
19 (1), by striking “husband and wife” and  
20 inserting “married couple”;

21 (ii) in paragraph (1), by striking “the  
22 husband or wife” and inserting “spouse”;  
23 and

1 (iii) in paragraph (2), by striking  
2 “husband and wife” and inserting  
3 “spouses”;

4 (C) in subsection (b)(1)—

5 (i) by striking “filed by the husband  
6 and wife” and inserting “filed by the mar-  
7 ried couple”; and

8 (ii) by striking “the return of the hus-  
9 band and wife” and inserting “the return  
10 of both spouses”;

11 (D) in subsection (c), by striking “the hus-  
12 band and wife” and inserting “the spouses”;  
13 and

14 (E) in subsection (d)(1), by striking “hus-  
15 band and wife” and inserting “a married cou-  
16 ple”;

17 (27) in the matter following section 6014(b)(4),  
18 by striking “husband and wife” and inserting “a  
19 married couple”;

20 (28) in section 6017, by striking “husband and  
21 wife” and inserting “married couple”;

22 (29) in section 6096(a), by striking “husband  
23 and wife” and inserting “a married couple”;

24 (30) in section 6166(b)(2)(B)—



1 (A) in the heading of such subparagraph,  
2 by striking “husband and wife” and inserting  
3 “a married couple”;

4 (B) in clause (i), by striking “husband and  
5 wife” and inserting “married couple”; and

6 (C) in clause (ii) by striking “husband and  
7 wife” and inserting “married couple”;

8 (31) in section 6212(b)(2), by striking “hus-  
9 band and wife” and inserting “a married couple”;  
10 (32) in section 6231(a)—

11 (A) in paragraph (1)(B)(i), by striking “a  
12 husband and wife” and inserting “a married  
13 couple”; and

14 (B) in paragraph (12)—

15 (i) by amending the heading to read  
16 as follows:

17 “(12) SPOUSES.—”; and

18 (ii) by striking “a husband and wife”  
19 and inserting “spouses”;

20 (33) in section 7428(c)(2)(A), by striking “hus-  
21 band and wife” and inserting “married couple”;

22 (34) in section 7701(a), by amending para-  
23 graph (17) to read as follows:

24 “(17) DIVORCED SPOUSES.—As used in sec-  
25 tions 682 and 2516, if the married couple therein

1 referred to are divorced, wherever appropriate to the  
2 meaning of such sections the term ‘spouse’ shall be  
3 read ‘former spouse’ and the term ‘married couple’  
4 shall be read ‘former married couple.’; and

5 (35) in section 7872(f)(7)—

6 (A) in the heading, by striking “Husband  
7 and wife” and inserting “Married couple”; and

8 (B) by striking “husband and wife” and  
9 inserting “married couple”.

10 (q) LONGSHORE AND HARBOR WORKERS’ COM-  
11 PENSATION ACT.—The Longshore and Harbor Workers’  
12 Compensation Act (33 U.S.C. 901 et seq.) is amended—

13 (1) in section 2(16), by striking “wife or hus-  
14 band” and inserting “spouse”;

15 (2) in section 5(a), by striking “husband or  
16 wife” and inserting “spouse”;

17 (3) in section 8(d)(1)(D), by striking “wife,  
18 husband,” and inserting “spouse”; and

19 (4) in section 9—

20 (A) in subsection (d), by striking “wife or  
21 husband” each place such term appears and in-  
22 serting “spouse”; and

23 (B) in subsection (g), by striking “wife”  
24 each place such term appears and inserting  
25 “spouse”.

1 (r) NATIONAL HOUSING ACT.—Section 527(a) of the  
 2 National Housing Act (8 U.S.C. 1735f–5(a)) is amended  
 3 by striking “husband and wife” and inserting “spouses”.

4 (s) ACT OF SEPTEMBER 5, 1962.—Section 3(c) of the  
 5 Act of September 5, 1962, entitled “An Act to provide  
 6 for the division of the tribal assets of the Ponca Tribe  
 7 of Native Americans of Nebraska among the members of  
 8 the tribe, and for other purposes.” (25 U.S.C. 973(c)) is  
 9 amended by striking “wife” and inserting “spouse”.

10 (t) RAILROAD RETIREMENT ACT OF 1974.—The  
 11 Railroad Retirement Act of 1974 (45 U.S.C. 231 et seq.)  
 12 is amended—

13 (1) in section 2—

14 (A) in subsection (c)—

15 (i) in paragraph (1)(ii), by striking  
 16 “(C), in the case of a wife, has in her care  
 17 (individually or jointly with her husband)”  
 18 and inserting “(C) has in his or her care  
 19 (individually or jointly with his or her  
 20 spouse)”;

21 (ii) in paragraph (2), by striking “di-  
 22 vorced wife” each place such term appears  
 23 and inserting “divorced spouse”;

24 (iii) in paragraph (3)—

25 (I) by striking “(i)”;

1 (II) by striking “; and (ii) in the  
 2 case of a husband, was receiving at  
 3 least one-half of his support from his  
 4 wife at the time his wife’s annuity  
 5 under subsection (a)(1) began”;

6 (iv) in paragraph (4), by striking “di-  
 7 vorced wife” each place such term appears  
 8 and inserting “divorced spouse”; and

9 (v) in the matter following paragraph  
 10 (4), by striking “divorced wife’s annuity”  
 11 and inserting “divorced spouse’s annuity”;  
 12 (B) in subsection (d)—

13 (i) in paragraph (1)—

14 (I) in clause (i)—

15 (aa) by striking “a widow  
 16 (as defined in section 216 (c) and  
 17 (k) of the Social Security Act) or  
 18 widower (as defined in section  
 19 216 (g) and (k) of the Social Se-  
 20 curity Act)” and inserting “a  
 21 surviving spouse (as defined in  
 22 section 216(a) of the Social Secu-  
 23 rity Act)”; and

24 (bb) by striking “, and who,  
 25 in the case of a widower, was re-

1           ceiving at least one-half his sup-  
2           port from the deceased employee  
3           at the time of her death or at the  
4           time her annuity under sub-  
5           section (a)(1) began”;  
6           (II) in clause (ii)—  
7                 (aa) by striking “a widow  
8                 (as defined in section 216 (c) and  
9                 (k) of the Social Security Act)”  
10            and inserting “a surviving spouse  
11            (as defined in section 216(a) of  
12            the Social Security Act)”; and  
13                 (bb) by inserting “his or”  
14            before “her”;  
15            (III) in clause (iv), by striking  
16            “widow or widower” and inserting  
17            “surviving spouse”; and  
18            (IV) in clause (v)—  
19                 (aa) by striking “The widow  
20                 (as defined in section 216(c) of  
21                 the Social Security Act)” and in-  
22                 serting “the surviving spouse (as  
23                 defined in section 216(a) of the  
24                 Social Security Act)”;

1 (bb) by striking “wife (as  
2 defined in section 216(d)” and  
3 inserting “spouse (as defined in  
4 section 216(a)”;

5 (cc) by striking “mother (as  
6 defined” and inserting “parent  
7 (as defined”;

8 (dd) by striking “widow,  
9 surviving divorced wife, or sur-  
10 viving divorced mother” each  
11 place such term appears and in-  
12 serting “surviving spouse, sur-  
13 viving divorced spouse, or sur-  
14 viving divorced parent”; and

15 (ee) by striking “202(f)”  
16 and inserting “202(e)”;

17 (ii) in paragraph (2)—

18 (I) by striking “, (B) in the case  
19 of a widow, the last month for which  
20 she was entitled to an annuity under  
21 paragraph (ii) of subdivision (1) as  
22 the widow of the deceased employee,”;  
23 and

1 (II) by striking “widow or wid-  
2 ower” and inserting “surviving  
3 spouse”;

4 (iii) in paragraph (3), by striking  
5 “widow, widower, or child” and inserting  
6 “surviving spouse or child”; and

7 (iv) in paragraph (4)—

8 (I) by striking “wife, husband,  
9 widow, widower” and inserting  
10 “spouse, surviving spouse”;

11 (II) by striking “or (c)”;

12 (III) by striking “subsection, (e),  
13 (f), or (g)” and inserting “subsection  
14 (e) or (g)”; and

15 (IV) by striking  
16 “202(d)(7)(c)(i)” and inserting  
17 “202(d)(7)(C)(i)”;

18 (C) in subsection (e)(5), by striking “di-  
19 vorced wife” and inserting “divorced spouse”;

20 (D) in subsection (f)(2), by striking  
21 “wife’s” each place such term appears and in-  
22 serting “spouse’s”; and

23 (E) in subsection (h)(3), by striking “wife”  
24 and inserting “spouse”;

25 (2) in section 3—

1 (A) in subsection (f)—

2 (i) in paragraph (1), by striking  
3 “wife’s or husband’s” and inserting  
4 “spouse’s”; and

5 (ii) in paragraph (2), by striking  
6 “wife” and inserting “spouse”; and

7 (B) in subsection (h)—

8 (i) by striking “wife, husband, widow,  
9 or widower” each place such term appears  
10 and inserting “spouse or surviving  
11 spouse”; and

12 (ii) by striking “wife’s, husband’s,  
13 widow’s, or widower’s” and inserting  
14 “spouse’s or surviving spouse’s”;

15 (3) in section 4—

16 (A) in subsection (a)—

17 (i) in paragraph (1)—

18 (I) by striking “divorced wife”  
19 each place such term appears and in-  
20 serting “divorced spouse”; and

21 (II) by striking “wife’s insurance  
22 benefit or the husband’s insurance  
23 benefit” and inserting “spouse’s in-  
24 surance benefit”; and



(ii) in paragraph (3), by striking “section 202(a), section 202(b), or section 202(c)” and inserting “section 202(a) or section 202(c)”;

(B) in subsection (e)—

(i) by striking “wife’s or husband’s insurance benefit” each place such term appears and inserting “spouse’s insurance benefit”; and

(ii) in paragraph (4), by striking “wife’s and husband’s” and inserting “spouse’s”;

(C) in subsection (f)—

(i) in paragraph (1)—

(I) by striking “widow’s insurance benefit, widower’s insurance benefit, mother’s insurance benefits, parent’s insurance benefit, or child’s insurance benefit” and inserting “surviving spouse’s insurance benefit, parent’s insurance benefit, or child’s insurance benefit”;

(II) by striking “widow or widower” and inserting “surviving spouse”; and

1 (III) by striking “widow’s insur-  
2 ance benefit or widower’s insurance  
3 benefit payable under section 202(e)  
4 or 202(f)” and inserting “surviving  
5 spouse’s insurance benefit payable  
6 under section 202(e)”;

7 (ii) in paragraph (2)—

8 (I) by striking “widow or wid-  
9 ower” each place such term appears  
10 and inserting “surviving spouse”;

11 (II) in clause (ii), by striking  
12 “widow’s insurance benefit, a wid-  
13 ower’s insurance benefit, or” and in-  
14 serting “surviving spouse’s benefit  
15 or”; and

16 (III) in clause (iii), by striking  
17 “widow, surviving divorced wife, or  
18 surviving divorced mother” and insert-  
19 ing “surviving spouse, surviving di-  
20 vorced spouse, or surviving divorced  
21 parent”; and

22 (iii) in paragraph (3), by striking  
23 “widow or widower” and inserting “sur-  
24 viving spouse”;

25 (D) in subsection (g)—

1 (i) in paragraph (1)(i), by striking  
2 “widow or widower” each place such term  
3 appears and inserting “surviving spouse”;

4 (ii) in paragraph (4)—

5 (I) by striking “widow or wid-  
6 ower” each place such term appears  
7 and inserting “surviving spouse”; and

8 (II) by striking “widow’s or wid-  
9 ower’s” each place such term appears  
10 and inserting “surviving spouse’s”;

11 (iii) in paragraph (5), by striking  
12 “widow, surviving divorced wife, or sur-  
13 viving divorced mother” and inserting  
14 “surviving spouse, surviving divorced  
15 spouse, or surviving divorced parent”; and

16 (iv) in paragraph (10)—

17 (I) by striking “widow or wid-  
18 ower” each place such term appears  
19 and inserting “surviving spouse”;

20 (II) by striking “widow’s or wid-  
21 ower’s” each place such term appears  
22 and inserting “surviving spouse’s”;  
23 and

1 (III) in clause (ii), by striking  
2 “widow or widower’s” and inserting  
3 “surviving spouse’s”;

4 (E) in subsection (h)—

5 (i) in paragraph (1)—

6 (I) by striking “widow or wid-  
7 ower” each place such term appears  
8 and inserting “surviving spouse”;

9 (II) by striking “widow’s or wid-  
10 ower’s” each place such term appears  
11 and inserting “surviving spouse’s”;  
12 and

13 (III) by striking “or 202(f)”; and

14 (ii) in paragraph (2), by striking  
15 “widow, surviving divorced wife, or sur-  
16 viving divorced mother” and inserting  
17 “surviving spouse, surviving divorced  
18 spouse, or surviving divorced parent”; and

19 (F) in subsection (i), by striking “spouse  
20 or divorced wife” each place such term appears  
21 and inserting “spouse or divorced spouse”;

22 (4) in section 5—

23 (A) in subsection (a)—

1 (i) in clause (v), by striking “wife,  
2 husband, widow, or widower” and inserting  
3 “spouse or surviving spouse”; and

4 (ii) in clause (vii), by striking “wife’s  
5 or husband’s” and inserting “spouse’s”;

6 (B) in subsection (b), by striking “widow  
7 or widower” and inserting “spouse”; and

8 (C) in subsection (c)—

9 (i) in paragraph (3)—

10 (I) by striking “wife” each place  
11 such term appears and inserting  
12 “spouse”; and

13 (II) by inserting “his or” before  
14 “her”;

15 (ii) in paragraph (4), by striking  
16 “widow or widower” and inserting “sur-  
17 viving spouse”;

18 (iii) in paragraph (5), by striking  
19 “widow or widower” and inserting “sur-  
20 viving spouse”;

21 (iv) in paragraph (6)—

22 (I) by striking “widow” and in-  
23 serting “surviving spouse”;

1 (II) by striking “she dies” and  
2 inserting “such surviving spouse  
3 dies”;

4 (III) by striking “she remarries”  
5 and inserting “such surviving spouse  
6 remarries”; and

7 (IV) by striking “she no longer”  
8 and inserting “such surviving spouse  
9 no longer”; and

10 (v) in paragraph (9)(B), by striking  
11 “widow’s or widower’s” and inserting “sur-  
12 viving spouse’s”;

13 (5) in section 6—

14 (A) in subsection (a)—

15 (i) in paragraph (1), by striking  
16 “widow or widower” each place such term  
17 appears and inserting “surviving spouse”;

18 (ii) in paragraph (2), by striking  
19 “widow or widower” each place such term  
20 appears and inserting “surviving spouse”;

21 (iii) in paragraph (3)—

22 (I) by striking “wife” and insert-  
23 ing “spouse”; and

24 (II) by striking “wife’s” and in-  
25 serting “spouse’s”;

1 (iv) in paragraph (6), by striking  
2 “widow or widower” and inserting “sur-  
3 viving spouse”; and

4 (v) in paragraph (7), by striking  
5 “widow, widower” and inserting “surviving  
6 spouse”;

7 (B) in subsection (b)—

8 (i) in paragraph (1), by striking  
9 “wife” and inserting “spouse”; and

10 (ii) in paragraph (2)—

11 (I) by striking “widow surviving  
12 divorced wife, widower” and inserting  
13 “no surviving spouse, surviving di-  
14 vorced spouse”; and

15 (II) by striking “widow or wid-  
16 ower” each place such term appears  
17 and inserting “surviving spouse”;

18 (C) in subsection (c)—

19 (i) in paragraph (1)—

20 (I) by striking “widow, widower,  
21 or parent” and inserting “surviving  
22 spouse or parent”;

23 (II) in clause (i), by striking  
24 “widow or widower” and inserting  
25 “surviving spouse”;

1 (III) in clause (ii), by striking  
2 “widow or widower” and inserting  
3 “surviving spouse”;

4 (IV) in clause (iii), by striking  
5 “widow, widower, or child” and insert-  
6 ing “surviving spouse or child”;

7 (V) in clause (iv), by striking  
8 “widow, widower” and inserting “sur-  
9 viving spouse”;

10 (VI) in clause (v), by striking  
11 “widow, widower” and inserting “sur-  
12 viving spouse”;

13 (VII) in clause (vi), by striking  
14 “widow, widower” and inserting “sur-  
15 viving spouse”; and

16 (VIII) in the matter following  
17 clause (vi), by striking “widow, wid-  
18 ower, or parent” each place such term  
19 appears and inserting “surviving  
20 spouse or parent”; and

21 (ii) in paragraph (3)—

22 (I) in subparagraph (A), by strik-  
23 ing “divorced wife” and inserting  
24 “surviving divorced spouse”;



1 (II) in subparagraph (B), by  
2 striking “widow” and inserting “sur-  
3 viving spouse”; and

4 (III) in the matter following sub-  
5 paragraph (B), by striking “divorced  
6 wife” and inserting “survivor”;

7 (D) in subsection (d)(1), by striking  
8 “widow or widower” each place such term ap-  
9 pears and inserting “surviving spouse”; and

10 (E) in subsection (e)(1), by striking  
11 “widow or widower” each place such term ap-  
12 pears and inserting “surviving spouse”;

13 (6) in section 7—

14 (A) in subsection (b)(2)(B), by striking  
15 “wife or divorced wife or husband” and insert-  
16 ing “spouse or divorced spouse”; and

17 (B) in subsection (d)(2)(i), by striking “in  
18 the case of a spouse or divorced wife, had such  
19 spouse’s husband or wife” and inserting “in the  
20 case of a spouse or divorced spouse, had such  
21 person’s spouse”; and

22 (7) in section 19(a)—

23 (A) by striking “wife’s insurance benefits  
24 payable to a wife, husband’s insurance benefits”

1 and inserting “spouse’s insurance benefits”;  
2 and

3 (B) by striking “widow’s insurance benefits  
4 payable to a widow, widower’s insurance bene-  
5 fits, mother’s insurance benefits payable to a  
6 widow” and inserting “surviving spouse’s bene-  
7 fits payable to a surviving spouse, parent’s in-  
8 surance benefits payable to a surviving spouse”.

9 (u) SMALL BUSINESS INVESTMENT ACT OF 1958.—  
10 Section 503(a)(2) of the Small Business Investment Act  
11 of 1958 (15 U.S.C. 697(a)(2)) is amended by striking  
12 “wife, husband” and inserting “spouse”.

13 (v) SOCIAL SECURITY ACT.—The Social Security Act  
14 (42 U.S.C. 301 et seq.) is amended—

15 (1) in section 202—

16 (A) in subsection (b)—

17 (i) in the heading, by striking  
18 “Wife’s” and inserting “Spouse’s”;

19 (ii) by striking “wife” each place such  
20 term appears and inserting “spouse”;

21 (iii) in paragraph (1)—

22 (I) by striking “(as defined in  
23 section 216(b))”;

24 (II) by striking “(as defined in  
25 section 216(d))”;

1 (III) in subparagraph (B), by  
2 striking “her” and inserting “such  
3 spouse’s”;

4 (IV) in subparagraph (D)(i), by  
5 striking “she” and inserting “such  
6 spouse or divorced spouse”;

7 (V) in the matter following sub-  
8 paragraph (D)(ii)(II), by inserting be-  
9 fore “she” each place such word ap-  
10 pears the following: “he or”;

11 (VI) in subparagraph (E), by  
12 striking “she” and inserting “such  
13 spouse”;

14 (VII) in subparagraph (G), by  
15 striking “she” each place such term  
16 appears and inserting “such spouse”;

17 (VIII) in subparagraph (H), by  
18 inserting “he or” before “she”; and

19 (IX) in subparagraph (J), by  
20 striking “she” and inserting “such  
21 spouse”; and

22 (iv) in paragraph (2)—

23 (I) by inserting before “her”  
24 each place such term appears “his  
25 or”; and

1 (II) by striking “husband” each  
2 place such term appears and inserting  
3 “spouse”;

4 (B) by striking subsection (c);

5 (C) in subsection (e)—

6 (i) in the heading, by striking “Wid-  
7 ow’s” and inserting “Surviving spouse’s”;

8 (ii) in paragraph (1)—

9 (I) in the matter preceding sub-  
10 paragraph (A)—

11 (aa) by striking “widow (as  
12 defined in section 216(c))” and  
13 inserting “surviving spouse”;

14 (bb) by striking “wife (as  
15 defined in section 216(d))” and  
16 inserting “spouse”; and

17 (cc) by striking “widow or  
18 surviving divorced wife” and in-  
19 serting “surviving spouse or sur-  
20 viving divorced spouse”;

21 (II) in subparagraph (C)—

22 (aa) in clause (i), by striking  
23 “widow’s” and inserting “sur-  
24 viving spouse’s”;

25 (bb) in clause (ii)—

1 (AA) in the matter pre-  
2 ceding subclause (I), by  
3 striking “wife’s” and insert-  
4 ing “spouse’s”; and  
5 (BB) in subclause (III),  
6 by inserting “he or” before  
7 “she” and by inserting “him  
8 or” before “her”; and  
9 (cc) in clause (iii), by insert-  
10 ing “father’s or” before “moth-  
11 er’s”;  
12 (III) in the matter preceding sub-  
13 paragraph (E), by striking “widow’s”  
14 and inserting “surviving spouse’s”;  
15 (IV) in subparagraph (E), by in-  
16 serting before “she” each place such  
17 word appears the following: “he or”;  
18 (V) in subparagraph (F), by in-  
19 serting before “she” each place such  
20 word appears the following: “he or”;  
21 and  
22 (VI) in the matter following sub-  
23 paragraph (F)(ii) by inserting before  
24 “she” each place such word appears  
25 the following: “he or”;

1 (iii) in paragraph (2)—

2 (I) by striking “widow’s insur-  
3 ance” each place such term appears  
4 and inserting “surviving spouse’s in-  
5 surance”;

6 (II) by striking “surviving di-  
7 vorced wife” each place such term ap-  
8 pears and inserting “surviving di-  
9 vorced spouse”; and

10 (III) by striking “widow” each  
11 place such term appears and inserting  
12 “surviving spouse”;

13 (iv) in paragraph (3)—

14 (I) by striking “widow” each  
15 place such term appears and inserting  
16 “surviving spouse”;

17 (II) by striking “surviving di-  
18 vorced wife” each place such term ap-  
19 pears and inserting “surviving di-  
20 vorced spouse”; and

21 (III) by inserting “he or” before  
22 “she”;

23 (v) in paragraph (4)—

1 (I) by inserting before “her”  
2 each place such term appears the fol-  
3 lowing: “his or”;

4 (II) by inserting before “she”  
5 each place such term appears the fol-  
6 lowing “he or”;

7 (III) by striking “widow or sur-  
8 viving divorced wife” and inserting  
9 “surviving spouse or surviving di-  
10 vorced spouse”; and

11 (IV) in subparagraph (B), by in-  
12 serting “or father’s” before “insur-  
13 ance”;

14 (vi) in paragraph (5)—

15 (I) by striking “widow or sur-  
16 viving divorced wife” each place such  
17 term appears and inserting “surviving  
18 spouse or surviving divorced spouse”;  
19 and

20 (II) in subparagraph (A)—

21 (aa) in clause (i), by insert-  
22 ing “he or” before “she”; and

23 (bb) in clause (ii)(I), by in-  
24 serting “his or” before “her”;  
25 and

1 (vii) in the matter following para-  
2 graph (7)(B), by striking “she” and insert-  
3 ing “such individual”;

4 (D) by striking subsection (f);

5 (E) in the matter following subsection  
6 (i)(2), by striking “wife’s or husband’s” and in-  
7 serting “spouse’s”;

8 (F) in subsection (j)(4)(B)(i)—

9 (i) by striking “widow, surviving di-  
10 vorced wife or widower” and inserting  
11 “surviving spouse or surviving divorced  
12 spouse”;

13 (ii) by striking “widow or widower”  
14 and inserting “surviving spouse”; and

15 (iii) by striking “surviving divorced  
16 wife” and inserting “surviving divorced  
17 spouse”;

18 (G) in subsection (q)—

19 (i) in paragraph (1)—

20 (I) by striking “wife’s, husband’s,  
21 widow’s, or widower’s” and inserting  
22 “spouse’s, or surviving spouse’s”; and

23 (II) in subparagraph (A)—



1 (aa) by striking “wife’s or  
2 husband’s” and inserting  
3 “spouse’s”; and

4 (bb) by striking “widow’s or  
5 widower’s” and inserting “sur-  
6 viving spouse’s”;

7 (ii) in paragraph (3)—

8 (I) in subparagraph (A)—

9 (aa) by striking “wife’s, hus-  
10 band’s, widow’s, or widower’s”  
11 and inserting “spouse’s or sur-  
12 viving spouse’s”;

13 (bb) by striking “wife’s or  
14 husband’s” and inserting  
15 “spouse’s”; and

16 (cc) by striking “widow’s or  
17 widower’s” and inserting “sur-  
18 viving spouse’s”;

19 (II) in the matter following sub-  
20 paragraph (A)(ii), by striking “wife’s,  
21 husband’s, widow’s, or widower’s” and  
22 inserting “spouse’s or surviving  
23 spouse’s”;

24 (III) in subparagraph (B), by  
25 striking “wife’s or husband’s” each

1 place such term appears and inserting  
2 “spouse’s”;

3 (IV) in subparagraph (C), by  
4 striking “wife’s, husband’s, widow’s,  
5 or widower’s” each place such term  
6 appears and inserting “spouse’s or  
7 surviving spouse’s”;

8 (V) in subparagraph (D), by  
9 striking “wife’s, husband’s, widow’s,  
10 or widower’s” and inserting “spouse’s  
11 or surviving spouse’s”; and

12 (VI) in subparagraph (E), by  
13 striking “widow’s or widower’s” each  
14 place such term appears and inserting  
15 “surviving spouse”;

16 (iii) in paragraph (5)—

17 (I) by striking “wife’s or hus-  
18 band’s” each place such word appears  
19 and inserting “spouse’s”; and

20 (II) in subparagraph (D), by  
21 striking “widow’s or widower’s” and  
22 inserting “surviving spouse’s”;

23 (iv) in paragraph (6)—

1 (I) by striking “wife’s, husband’s,  
 2 widow’s, or widower’s” and inserting  
 3 “spouse’s, or surviving spouse’s”; and

4 (II) in subparagraph (A)—

5 (aa) in clause (ii), by strik-  
 6 ing “wife’s or husband’s” and in-  
 7 serting “spouse’s”; and

8 (bb) in clause (iii), by strik-  
 9 ing “widow’s or widower’s” and  
 10 inserting “surviving spouse’s”;

11 (v) in paragraph (7)—

12 (I) by striking “wife’s, husband’s,  
 13 widow’s, or widower’s” and inserting  
 14 “spouse’s, or surviving spouse’s”;

15 (II) by striking “wife’s or hus-  
 16 band’s” each place such term appears  
 17 and inserting “spouse’s”; and

18 (III) as amended by subclause  
 19 (I), by striking “widow’s or wid-  
 20 ower’s” each place such term appears  
 21 and inserting “surviving spouse’s”;

22 (vi) in paragraph (9)—

23 (I) in subparagraph (A), by strik-  
 24 ing “old-age insurance benefits, wife’s  
 25 insurance benefits, and husband’s in-

1           surance benefits” and inserting “old-  
 2           age insurance benefits and spouse’s  
 3           insurance benefits”; and

4                   (II) in subparagraph (B), by  
 5           striking “widow’s insurance benefits  
 6           and widower’s insurance benefits” and  
 7           inserting “surviving spouse’s insur-  
 8           ance benefits”; and

9           (vii) in paragraph (10)—

10                   (I) in subparagraph (A), by strik-  
 11           ing “old-age, wife’s, and husband’s”  
 12           and inserting “old-age and spouse’s”;  
 13           and

14                   (II) by striking “widow’s and  
 15           widower’s” each place such term ap-  
 16           pears and inserting “surviving  
 17           spouse’s”;

18           (H) in subsection (r)—

19                   (i) in the heading, by striking “Wife’s  
 20           or Husband’s” and inserting “Spouse’s”;

21                   (ii) in paragraph (1), by striking  
 22           “wife’s or husband’s” each place such term  
 23           appears and inserting “spouse’s”; and

1 (iii) in paragraph (2), by striking  
2 “wife’s or husband’s” and inserting  
3 “spouse’s”; and

4 (I) in subsection (t)(11)(B), by striking “a  
5 wife, a husband, a widow, a widower, a divorced  
6 wife, a divorced husband, a surviving divorced  
7 wife, a surviving divorced husband” and insert-  
8 ing “a spouse, a surviving spouse, a surviving  
9 divorced spouse”;

10 (2) in section 203—

11 (A) in subsection (c)—

12 (i) in paragraph (2)—

13 (I) by striking “wife or husband”  
14 and inserting “spouse”; and

15 (II) by striking “wife’s or hus-  
16 band’s” each place such term appears  
17 and inserting “spouse’s”;

18 (ii) in paragraph (3), by striking  
19 “widow or widower” and inserting “sur-  
20 viving divorced spouse”; and

21 (iii) in the matter following subpara-  
22 graph (4)—

23 (I) by striking “widow’s or wid-  
24 ower’s” and inserting “surviving  
25 spouse’s”; and

1 (II) by striking “widow, surviving  
2 divorced wife, widower, or surviving  
3 divorced husband” and inserting “sur-  
4 viving spouse or surviving divorced  
5 spouse”;

6 (B) in subsection (d)—

7 (i) by striking “wife’s, husband’s, or  
8 child’s” each place such term appears and  
9 inserting “spouse’s or child’s”; and

10 (ii) by striking “wife, divorced wife,  
11 husband, divorced husband” and inserting  
12 “spouse or divorced spouse”; and

13 (C) in subsection (f)(1), by striking “wid-  
14 ow’s or widower’s” and inserting “surviving  
15 spouse’s”;

16 (3) in section 205—

17 (A) in subsection (b)—

18 (i) in paragraph (1), by striking  
19 “wife, divorced wife, widow, surviving di-  
20 vorced wife, surviving divorced mother,  
21 surviving divorced father, husband, di-  
22 vorced husband, widower, surviving di-  
23 vorced husband” and inserting “spouse, di-  
24 vorced spouse, surviving spouse, surviving

1 divorced spouse, surviving mother, sur-  
2 viving father”; and

3 (ii) in paragraph (2)(A), by striking  
4 “child’s, widow’s, or widower’s” and insert-  
5 ing “child’s or surviving spouse’s”;

6 (B) in subsection (c)(1)(C), by striking  
7 “spouse, surviving divorced wife, surviving di-  
8 vorced husband” and inserting “spouse, sur-  
9 viving divorced spouse”;

10 (C) in subsection (i), by striking “wife or  
11 husband” and inserting “spouse”;

12 (D) in subsection (j)(8), by striking  
13 “child’s, widow’s, or widower’s” and inserting  
14 “child’s or surviving spouse’s”; and

15 (E) in subsection (q)(5)—

16 (i) by striking “wife, husband or  
17 child” and inserting “spouse or child”; and

18 (ii) by striking “widow or widower”  
19 and inserting “surviving spouse”;

20 (4) in section 215(h)—

21 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “him, his  
22 wife, and his children, or, if he has died, to his  
23 widow and children” and inserting “him, his  
24 spouse, and his children, or, if he has died, to  
25 his surviving spouse and children”; and

1 (B) in paragraph (2)—

2 (i) by striking “himself, his wife, and  
3 his children” and inserting “himself, his  
4 spouse, and his children”; and

5 (ii) by striking “his widow, if any”  
6 and inserting “his surviving spouse, if  
7 any”;

8 (5) in section 216—

9 (A) in subsection (a), by adding at the end  
10 the following new paragraph:

11 “(3) The term ‘surviving divorced spouse’  
12 means a surviving divorced wife or a surviving di-  
13 vorced husband.”;

14 (B) in subsection (d), by adding at the end  
15 the following new paragraph:

16 “(9) The term ‘divorced spouse’ means a di-  
17 vorced wife or a divorced husband.”; and

18 (C) in subsection (l)(2)—

19 (i) by striking “old-age, wife’s, or hus-  
20 band’s” and inserting “old-age or  
21 spouse’s”; and

22 (ii) by striking “widow’s or wid-  
23 ower’s” and inserting “surviving spouse’s”;

24 (6) in section 222—



1 (A) in subsection (c)(1), by striking  
2 “202(d), 202(e), or 202(f)” and inserting  
3 “202(d), or 202(e)”; and

4 (B) in subsection (d)(1)—

5 (i) in subparagraph (C), by striking  
6 “widow’s” and inserting “surviving  
7 spouse’s”; and

8 (ii) by striking subparagraph (D);

9 (7) in section 225(a), by striking “or that a  
10 widow or surviving divorced wife who has not at-  
11 tained age 60 and is entitled to benefits under sec-  
12 tion 202(e), or that a widower or surviving divorced  
13 husband who has not attained age 60 and is entitled  
14 to benefits under section 202(f)” and inserting “or  
15 that a surviving spouse or surviving divorced spouse  
16 who has not attained age 60 and is entitled to bene-  
17 fits under section 202(e)”;

18 (8) in section 226—

19 (A) in subsection (b)(2)(A)(iii), by striking  
20 “widow’s insurance benefits under section  
21 202(e) or widower’s insurance benefits under  
22 section 202(f)” and inserting “surviving  
23 spouse’s insurance benefits under section  
24 202(e)”;

1 (B) in the matter following subsection  
2 (b)(2)(C)(ii)(II), by striking “in the last sen-  
3 tence of section 202(e)(1), and in the last sen-  
4 tence of section 202(f)(1)” and inserting “and  
5 in the last sentence of section 202(e)(1)”; and

6 (C) in subsection (e)—

7 (i) in paragraph (1)—

8 (I) in subparagraph (A)—

9 (aa) by striking “widows  
10 and widowers” and inserting  
11 “surviving spouses”;

12 (bb) in clause (i), by striking  
13 “sections 202(e)(1)(B)(ii),  
14 202(e)(4), 202(f)(1)(B)(ii), and  
15 202(f)(4)” and inserting “sec-  
16 tions 202(e)(1)(B)(ii) and  
17 202(e)(4)”; and

18 (cc) in clause (ii), by strik-  
19 ing “and the phrase ‘before he  
20 attained age 60’ in the matter  
21 following subparagraph (F) of  
22 section 202(f)(1) shall each” and  
23 inserting “shall”; and

1 (II) in subparagraph (B), by  
2 striking “widow’s or widower’s” and  
3 inserting “surviving spouse’s”;

4 (ii) in paragraph (2)—

5 (I) by striking “widow’s insur-  
6 ance benefits or widower’s insurance  
7 benefits” each place such term ap-  
8 pears and inserting “surviving  
9 spouse’s insurance benefits”; and

10 (II) by striking “widow’s or wid-  
11 ower’s” and inserting “surviving  
12 spouse’s”;

13 (iii) in paragraph (3)—

14 (I) by striking “any disabled  
15 widow aged 50 or older who is entitled  
16 to mother’s insurance benefits (and  
17 who would have been entitled to wid-  
18 ow’s insurance benefits by reason of  
19 disability if she had filed for such wid-  
20 ow’s benefits), and any disabled wid-  
21 ower aged 50 or older who is entitled  
22 to father’s insurance benefits (and  
23 who would have been entitled to wid-  
24 ower’s insurance benefits by reason of  
25 disability if he had filed for such wid-

1           ower’s benefits)” and inserting “any  
 2           disabled surviving spouse aged 50 or  
 3           older who is entitled to mother’s or fa-  
 4           ther’s insurance benefits (and who  
 5           would have been entitled to surviving  
 6           spouse’s insurance benefits by reason  
 7           of disability if he or she had filed for  
 8           such surviving spouse’s benefits)”;  
 9           and

10                   (II) by striking “such widow’s or  
 11                   widower’s” and inserting “such sur-  
 12                   viving spouse’s”; and

13                   (iv) in paragraph (4), by striking  
 14                   “widow’s or widower’s insurance benefits  
 15                   under section 202(e) or (f)” and inserting  
 16                   “surviving spouse’s benefits under section  
 17                   202(e)”;

18           (9) in section 227—

19                   (A) by striking “section 202(e) or section  
 20                   202(f)” each place such term appears and in-  
 21                   serting “section 202(e)”;

22                   (B) by striking “section 202(b) or section  
 23                   202(c)” each place such term appears and in-  
 24                   serting “section 202(b)”;

25           (10) in section 228—

1 (A) in subsection (c)—

2 (i) in paragraph (2), by striking “hus-  
3 band and wife” and inserting “married  
4 couple”;

5 (ii) in paragraph (3), by striking  
6 “husband or wife” and inserting “married  
7 couple”;

8 (iii) in paragraph (6), by striking  
9 “husband and wife both of whom” and in-  
10 sserting “married couple of which both  
11 spouses”; and

12 (iv) in paragraph (8), by striking “of  
13 a husband and wife” and inserting “of a  
14 married couple”; and

15 (B) in subsection (d), by striking “husband  
16 or wife” each place such term appears and in-  
17 sserting “spouse”;

18 (11) in section 1107, by striking “wife, hus-  
19 band, widow, widower, divorced wife, divorced hus-  
20 band, surviving divorced wife, surviving divorced  
21 husband” each place such term appears and insert-  
22 ing “spouse, surviving spouse, divorced spouse, sur-  
23 viving divorced spouse”;

24 (12) in section 1128(j)(1)(A), by striking “hus-  
25 band or wife” and inserting “spouse”;

1 (13) in section 1611(e)(3)—

2 (A) by striking “husband and wife are”  
3 and inserting “married couple is”; and

4 (B) as amended by subparagraph (A), by  
5 striking “husband and wife” each place such  
6 term appears and inserting “married couple”;

7 (14) in subsection 1614(b)—

8 (A) by striking “husband or wife” and in-  
9 serting “spouse”; and

10 (B) by striking “husband and wife” and  
11 inserting “a married couple”; and

12 (15) in section 1631(b)(1)(A)(i), by striking  
13 “husband or wife” and inserting “spouse”.

14 (w) TITLE 1.—Section 7 of title 1, United States  
15 Code, is amended by striking “one man and one woman  
16 as husband and wife, and the word ‘spouse’ refers only  
17 to a person of the opposite sex who is a husband or wife”  
18 and inserting “two people as spouses”.

19 (x) TITLE 5.—Title 5, United States Code, is amend-  
20 ed—

21 (1) in section 2108(3)—

22 (A) in subparagraph (E), by striking “wife  
23 or husband” and inserting “spouse”;

24 (B) by amending subparagraph (F) to read  
25 as follows:

1           “(F) the parent of an individual who lost  
 2           his life under honorable conditions while serving  
 3           in the armed forces during a period named by  
 4           paragraph (1)(A) of this section;”; and

5           (C) by amending subparagraph (G) to read  
 6           as follows:

7           “(G) the parent of a service-connected per-  
 8           manently and totally disabled veteran; and”;

9           (2) in section 3110(a)(3), by striking “husband,  
 10          wife” and inserting “spouse”;

11          (3) in section 5561(3)(A), by striking “wife”  
 12          and inserting “spouse”;

13          (4) in section 8110(a)—

14           (A) in paragraph (1)—

15           (i) in the matter before subparagraph  
 16           (A), by striking “wife” and inserting  
 17           “spouse”;

18           (ii) in subparagraph (A), by striking  
 19           “she” and inserting “the spouse”;

20           (iii) in subparagraph (B)—

21           (I) by striking “she” and insert-  
 22           ing “the spouse”; and

23           (II) by striking “her” and insert-  
 24           ing “the spouse’s”; and

- 1 (iv) in subparagraph (C), by striking  
2 “her” and inserting “the spouse’s”;  
3 (B) by striking paragraph (2);  
4 (C) by redesignating paragraphs (3) and  
5 (4) as paragraphs (2) and (3), respectively; and  
6 (D) as amended by subparagraph (C), in  
7 the matter following paragraph (3), by striking  
8 “paragraph (3)” and inserting “paragraph  
9 (2)”;
- 10 (5) in section 8133, in the matter following  
11 subsection (b)(3), by striking “husband or wife” and  
12 inserting “spouse”; and
- 13 (6) in the matter following section  
14 8443(b)(3)(E), by striking “wife or husband” each  
15 place such term appears and inserting “spouse”.
- 16 (y) TITLE 10.—Section 701(j)(1) of title 10, United  
17 States Code, is amended by striking “wife” and inserting  
18 “spouse”.
- 19 (z) TITLE 11.—Section 522(b)(1) of title 11, United  
20 States Code, is amended by striking “husband and wife”  
21 and inserting “married to one another”.
- 22 (aa) TITLE 18.—Section 879(b)(1)(A) of title 18,  
23 United States Code, is amended—  
24 (1) by striking “wife” and inserting “spouse”;



1           (2) by inserting after “during his” the fol-  
2       lowing: “or her”;

3           (3) by striking “widow” and inserting “sur-  
4       viving spouse”; and

5           (4) by inserting before “her death” the fol-  
6       lowing: “his or”.

7       (bb) TITLE 28.—Section 3014(a) of title 28, United  
8       States Code, is amended by striking “husband and wife”  
9       and inserting “married to one another”.

10       (cc) TITLE 38.—Section 101 of title 38, United  
11       States Code, is amended by striking “of the opposite sex”  
12       each place such term appears.

13       (dd) TRADING WITH THE ENEMY ACT.—Section 31  
14       of the Trading With the Enemy Act (50 U.S.C. App. 31)  
15       is amended by striking “wife” and inserting “spouse”.

16       (ee) WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT OF 1998.—Sec-  
17       tion 101(15) of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (29  
18       U.S.C. 2801(15)) is amended—

19           (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “husband,  
20       wife,” and inserting “married couple”; and

21           (2) in subparagraph (C), by striking “husband  
22       and wife” and inserting “married couple”.

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