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119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. LAWLER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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 “Service-Connected Sui-
5 cide Compensation Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. AUTOMATIC DEPENDENCY AND INDEMNITY COM-**
2 **PENSATION FOR SURVIVORS OF A VETERAN**
3 **WITH A SERVICE-CONNECTED MENTAL DIS-**
4 **ORDER WHO DIES BY SUICIDE.**

5 Section 1310(a) of title 38, United States Code, is
6 amended—

7 (1) by inserting “(1)” before “When”; and

8 (2) by adding at the end the following new
9 paragraph:

10 “(2) The Secretary shall pay dependency and indem-
11 nity compensation to the surviving spouse, children, and
12 parents of a veteran who the Secretary determines—

13 “(A) has a mental disorder that is a service-
14 connected disability; and

15 “(B) dies by suicide.”.