

117TH CONGRESS
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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. LANKFORD (for himself and Mr. CARPER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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 “Fry Scholarship En-
5 hancement Act of 2021”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXPANSION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR MARINE GUNNERY**

2 **SERGEANT JOHN DAVID FRY SCHOLARSHIP.**

3 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 3311(b)(8) of title 38,
4 United States Code, is amended—

5 (1) by striking “dies in line of duty” and insert-
6 ing the following: “dies—

7 “(A) in line of duty”;

8 (2) in subparagraph (A), as designated by para-
9 graph (1), by striking the period at the end and in-
10 sserting “; or”; and

11 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-
12 paragraph:

13 “(B) from a service-connected disability
14 during the 120 day period beginning on the
15 first day immediately following the last day on
16 which the individual was discharged or released
17 from active duty as a member the Armed
18 Forces or duty other than active duty as a
19 member of the Armed Forces, but only if—

20 “(i) the person was discharged with
21 an honorable discharge; or

22 “(ii) the person’s service in the Armed
23 Forces was characterized by the Secretary
24 concerned as honorable.”.

25 (b) **APPLICABILITY.**—The amendments made by sub-
26 section (a) shall apply with respect to—

1 (1) deaths that occur before, on, or after the
2 date of the enactment of this Act; and

3 (2) a quarter, semester, or term, as applicable,
4 commencing on or after August 1, 2023.