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Overview

This bill would create a grant program to provide assistance to the surviving spouse of a veteran whose military service was sufficient to qualify for military retirement benefits but who died prior to completing the forms required to provide for ongoing survivor benefits.

- 1 Veterans survivor grant program.** Directs the commissioner of Veterans Affairs to provide assistance to an eligible surviving spouse of a veteran. Directs that a surviving spouse is eligible for assistance through this grant program if the spouse was married to a veteran who died prior to completing the military forms required to provide for ongoing survival benefits. The commissioner is authorized to determine the necessary documentation for application.
- 2 Appropriation provided.** Appropriates \$..... for FY13 for the grant program established in Section 1. This appropriation would be added to the base budget for Veterans Affairs.