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Congressman John E. Fogarty, (D), R.I.

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Congressman John E. Fogarty, today introduced in the U. S. House of Representatives a bill to liberalize the Veterans Benefits Act of 1957.

The bill provides pension for widows and children of veterans of World War II and of the Korean conflict on the same basis as pension is presently provided for widows and children of veterans of World War I. It would affect those survivors of deceased World War II and Korean veterans where deaths are held to be non-service connected. The existing requirement, that there be present a service-connected disability of ascertainable degree at the death of a World War II or Korean conflict veteran from a nonservice-connected cause, would be removed. Such a requirement had previously been removed in the case of World War I veterans.

Mr. Fogarty, in proposing his bill, stated that the legislation is urgently needed in view of the fact that there are thousands of widows and children of World War II and Korean veterans who presently are not eligible for assistance from the Veterans Administration and who are in dire need of some form of help.