

**NINETY-SIXTH NATIONAL CONVENTION
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
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Resolution No. 141: Means Test for Married Veterans

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(Consolidated with Resolutions No. 228 (OH) and No. 247 (IL))

WHEREAS, United States Code, Title 38 § 1722, subsection (b) authorizes income thresholds for veterans eligibility for Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) health care benefits; and

WHEREAS, Veterans enrolling in VA health care are authorized additional income thresholds for each dependent they have in qualifying for health care benefits; and

WHEREAS, VA's means test threshold for calendar year 2014 for a single veteran is \$31,443 or less; and

WHEREAS, VA's means test threshold for calendar year 2014 for a veteran with one dependent is \$37,733 or less; and

WHEREAS, A veteran with one dependent, with that dependent being a veteran eligible to apply for VA health care, the financial means test threshold is also \$37,733 or less for financial test year 2013; and

WHEREAS, A veteran married to a veteran, where both are eligible to enroll in VA health care, are penalized by the means test threshold by not having both of their honorable service recognized; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By The American Legion in National Convention assembled in Charlotte, North Carolina, August 26, 27, 28, 2014, That The American Legion support legislation to amend Title 38, United States Code, Sections 1722, subsection (b) to increase the income threshold of a veteran married to a veteran by two times the financial means test of a single veteran for the financial test year applied for enrollment into the Department of Veterans Affairs health care system.