

**SEC. 1002. ENTITLEMENT OF DIVORCED SPOUSES TO RAILROAD
RETIREMENT ANNUITIES INDEPENDENT OF ACTUAL
ENTITLEMENT OF EMPLOYEE.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2 of the Railroad Retirement Act of 1974 (45 U.S.C. 231a) is amended—

(1) in subsection (c)(4)(i), by striking “(A) is entitled to an annuity under subsection (a)(1) and (B)”;

(2) in subsection (e)(5), by striking “or divorced wife” the second place it appears.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall take effect 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act.