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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DORNAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on National Security

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. PROVISION OF BACK PAY TO VIETNAMESE**
4 **COMMANDOS.**

5 (a) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “Viet-
6 namese commando” means a Vietnamese national who

1 was employed by the United States during the Vietnam
2 conflict to conduct covert operations to infiltrate North
3 Vietnam and who was captured and imprisoned by the
4 North Vietnamese during the course of such operations.

5 (b) PAYMENT OF BACK PAY.—From funds available
6 to the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary shall pay to
7 each Vietnamese commando living in the United States
8 who submits a timely claim under subsection (c) an
9 amount of back pay equal to the product of the following:

10 (1) \$2,000, which corresponds to the annual
11 salary accepted by Vietnamese commandos during
12 the Vietnam conflict; and

13 (2) The number of years in which the Vietnam-
14 ese commando was imprisoned by the North Viet-
15 namease and the number of years after such impris-
16 onment in which the Vietnamese commando was
17 subject to persecution in Vietnam as a result of serv-
18 ice as a Vietnamese commando, as determined by
19 the Secretary.

20 (c) SUBMISSION OF CLAIMS.—To receive back pay
21 under this section, a Vietnamese commando shall submit
22 an application to the Secretary, in such form and contain-
23 ing such information as the Secretary considers appro-
24 priate, before the end of the two-year period beginning on
25 the date on which the Vietnamese commando receives no-

1 tice under subsection (d) of the availability of compensa-
2 tion.

3 (d) NOTIFICATION OF VIETNAMESE COMMANDOS.—

4 As soon as possible after the date of the enactment of this
5 Act, the Secretary shall endeavor to notify each Vietnam-
6 ese commando living in the United States on that date
7 of the availability of back pay under this section. The Sec-
8 retary shall provide notice to other Vietnamese comman-
9 dos as soon as possible after they resettle in the United
10 States.

11 (e) EFFECT OF PAYMENT.—The payment of back
12 pay to a Vietnamese commando under this section shall
13 be in full satisfaction of any claim of the Vietnamese com-
14 mando against the United States arising out of the service
15 of the person as a Vietnamese commando.

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