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[Report No. 117–222]

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 11, 2021

Mr. LEVIN of California (for himself, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. PALAZZO, Ms. MACE, Mr. RYAN, Mr. PAPPAS, and Mr. SABLAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

JANUARY 6, 2022

Additional sponsors: Mr. MRVAN, Mr. THOMPSON of California, and Mr. LAMB

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on March 11, 2021]
A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Guard and Reserve GI
Bill Parity Act of 2021”.

SEC. 2. POST-9/11 EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE FOR CERTAIN
RESERVE AND NATIONAL GUARD DUTY.

(a) OTHER QUALIFYING DUTY.—Section 3311(b) of
title 38, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by striking “(including” each place it ap-
ppears and inserting “(including other qualifying duty
and”;

(2) by striking “(excluding” each place it ap-
ppears and inserting “(including other qualifying duty
but excluding”; and

(3) in paragraph (2), by inserting “or other
qualifying duty” after “active duty” both places it
appears.

(b) OTHER QUALIFYING DUTY DEFINED.—Section
3301 of such title is amended—

(1) by redesignating paragraphs (3) and (4) as
paragraphs (4) and (5), respectively; and

(2) by inserting after paragraph (2) the fol-
lowing new paragraph:
“(3) The term ‘other qualifying duty’ means the following:

“(A) During the period beginning on August 1, 2025, and ending on July 31, 2032, active duty for training performed by a member of the Armed Forces—

“(i) on or after August 1, 2025; or

“(ii) before August 1, 2025, if such individual is a member of the Armed Forces on or after such date.

“(B) On or after August 1, 2032, duty performed before, on, or after such date that is—

“(i) active duty for training performed by a member of the Armed Forces; or

“(ii) inactive duty training performed by a member of the Armed Forces.”.

(c) Time Limitation for Use of Entitlement for Other Qualifying Duty.—Section 3321 of such title is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) in paragraph (1), by striking “; or” and inserting a semicolon;

(B) in paragraph (2), by striking the period at the end and inserting “; or”; and
(C) by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(3) in the case of an individual whose entitlement is based on other qualifying duty performed—

“(A) before August 1, 2025, expires on the latter of—

“(i) the end of the 15-year period beginning on the date of the discharge or release of such individual from the Armed Forces; or

“(ii) August 1, 2040; or

“(B) on or after August 1, 2025, shall not expire.”; and

(2) in subsection (b), by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(6) INDIVIDUALS SUBJECT TO TWO PERIODS.—In the case of an individual subject to periods under paragraphs (1) and (3)(A) of subsection (a), the period under such paragraph (3)(A) shall apply to such individual’s entitlement.”.

SEC. 3. MODIFICATION OF CERTAIN HOUSING LOAN FEES.

(a) EXTENSION.—The loan fee table in section 3729(b)(2) of title 38, United States Code, is amended by striking “October 1, 2030” each place it appears and inserting “October 1, 2031”.

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(b) IRRRL RATE.—The item in subparagraph (E) of the loan fee table under such section is amended to read as follows:

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<tr>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Fee 1</th>
<th>Fee 2</th>
<th>NA</th>
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<tr>
<td>(i) Interest rate reduction refinancing loan (closed on or after July 1, 2022, and before October 1, 2028)</td>
<td>0.85</td>
<td>0.85</td>
<td>NA</td>
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<td>(ii) Interest rate reduction refinancing loan (closed during a period not covered by clause (i))</td>
<td>0.50</td>
<td>0.50</td>
<td>NA</td>
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“(E)(i) Interest rate reduction refinancing loan (closed on or after July 1, 2022, and before October 1, 2028) ......................... 0.85  0.85  NA
(ii) Interest rate reduction refinancing loan (closed during a period not covered by clause (i)) ......................... 0.50  0.50  NA”.
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