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To amend title 10, United States Code, to provide that persons retiring from the Armed Forces shall be entitled to all benefits which were promised them when they entered the Armed Forces.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CONDIT (for himself, Mr. POMBO, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. GOODE, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, Mr. BISHOP, Mr. DOYLE, Mr. STUMP, Mr. MCINTYRE, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. STUPAK, Mrs. THURMAN, Mrs. FOWLER, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi, Mr. COLLINS, Mr. LUCAS of Oklahoma, Mr. MASCARA, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Mr. HEFLEY, Mr. JONES of North Carolina, Mr. CLEMENT, Mr. TURNER, Mr. ENGLISH, and Mr. TOWNS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. ENTITLEMENT OF MILITARY RETIREES TO**
2 **BENEFITS PROMISED UPON ACCESSION.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 34 of title 10, United
4 States Code, is amended by inserting after section 1031
5 the following new section:

6 **“§ 1031a. Entitlement to retirement benefits: persons**
7 **first becoming members of the armed**
8 **forces on or after date of enactment of**
9 **section**

10 “(a) EXPLANATION OF RETIREMENT BENEFITS.—In
11 the case of any person who first becomes a member of
12 the armed forces on or after the date of the enactment
13 of this section, the Secretary concerned shall ensure that
14 the person, upon first becoming a member of the armed
15 forces, is provided a written statement describing the ben-
16 efits that, under then-current laws and regulations, will
17 be provided to that person if that person is subsequently
18 retired from the armed forces. Such statement shall be
19 in clear and concise language and shall explain any limita-
20 tion or qualification on the receipt of those benefits (such
21 as, in the case of medical and dental care, the availability
22 of staff and facilities). However, any such limitation or
23 qualification may not include a statement of reservation
24 of the right to change any such benefit (either by law or
25 regulation).

1 “(b) ENTITLEMENT TO RETIREMENT BENEFITS.—
2 Any person who receives a statement of retirement bene-
3 fits under subsection (a) and who subsequently retires
4 from the armed forces shall be entitled, upon that retire-
5 ment, to the benefits as described in that statement.”.

6 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
7 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by inserting
8 after the item relating to section 1031 the following new
9 item:

“1031a. Entitlement to retirement benefits: persons first becoming members of
the armed forces on or after date of enactment of section.”.

