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# H. R. 621

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BEAUPREZ (for himself and Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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## 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Guardsmen and Re-  
5       servists Financial Relief Act of 2005”.

1 **SEC. 2. PENALTY-FREE WITHDRAWALS FROM RETIREMENT**  
2 **PLANS FOR INDIVIDUALS CALLED TO ACTIVE**  
3 **DUTY FOR AT LEAST 179 DAYS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (2) of section 72(t) of  
5 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to 10-percent  
6 additional tax on early distributions from qualified retire-  
7 ment plans) is amended by adding at the end the following  
8 new subparagraph:

9 “(G) DISTRIBUTIONS FROM RETIREMENT  
10 PLANS TO INDIVIDUALS CALLED TO ACTIVE  
11 DUTY.—

12 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Any qualified re-  
13 servist distribution.

14 “(ii) AMOUNT DISTRIBUTED MAY BE  
15 REPAID.—Any individual who receives a  
16 qualified reservist distribution may, at any  
17 time during the 2-year period beginning on  
18 the day after the end of the active duty pe-  
19 riod, make one or more contributions to an  
20 individual retirement plan of such indi-  
21 vidual in an aggregate amount not to ex-  
22 ceed the amount of such distribution. The  
23 dollar limitations otherwise applicable to  
24 contributions to individual retirement plans  
25 shall not apply to any contribution made  
26 pursuant to the preceding sentence. No de-

duction shall be allowed for any contribution pursuant to this clause.

“(iii) QUALIFIED RESERVIST DISTRIBUTION.—For purposes of this subparagraph, the term ‘qualified reservist distribution’ means any distribution to an individual if—

“(I) such distribution is from an individual retirement plan, or from amounts attributable to employer contributions made pursuant to elective deferrals described in subparagraph (A) or (C) of section 402(g)(3) or section 501(c)(18)(D)(iii),

“(II) such individual was (by reason of being a member of a reserve component (as defined in section 101 of title 37, United States Code)), ordered or called to active duty for a period in excess of 179 days or for an indefinite period, and

“(III) such distribution is made during the period beginning on the date of such order or call and ending at the close of the active duty period.

1                   “(iv) APPLICATION OF SUBPARA-  
 2                   GRAPH.—This subparagraph applies to in-  
 3                   dividuals ordered or called to active duty  
 4                   after September 11, 2001, and before Sep-  
 5                   tember 12, 2007. In no event shall the 2-  
 6                   year period referred to in clause (ii) end  
 7                   before the date which is 2-years after the  
 8                   date of the enactment of this subpara-  
 9                   graph.”.

10           (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

11                   (1) Section 401(k)(2)(B)(i) of such Code is  
 12                   amended by striking “or” at the end of subclause  
 13                   (III), by striking “and” at the end of subclause (IV)  
 14                   and inserting “or”, and by inserting after subclause  
 15                   (IV) the following new subclause:

16                                   “(V) the date on which a period  
 17                                   referred to in section  
 18                                   72(t)(2)(G)(iii)(III) begins, and”.

19                   (2) Section 403(b)(7)(A)(ii) of such Code is  
 20                   amended by inserting “unless such amount is a dis-  
 21                   tribution to which section 72(t)(2)(G) applies or”  
 22                   after “distributee”.

23                   (3) Section 403(b)(11) of such Code is amend-  
 24                   ed by striking “or” at the end of subparagraph (A),  
 25                   by striking the period at the end of subparagraph

1 (B) and inserting “, or”, and by inserting after sub-  
2 paragraph (B) the following new subparagraph:

3 “(C) for distributions to which section  
4 72(t)(2)(G) applies.”.

5 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE; WAIVER OF LIMITATIONS.—

6 (1) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made  
7 by this section shall apply to distributions after Sep-  
8 tember 11, 2001.

9 (2) WAIVER OF LIMITATIONS.—If refund or  
10 credit of any overpayment of tax resulting from the  
11 amendments made by this section is prevented at  
12 any time before the close of the 1-year period begin-  
13 ning on the date of the enactment of this Act by the  
14 operation of any law or rule of law (including res ju-  
15 dicata), such refund or credit may nevertheless be  
16 made or allowed if claim therefor is filed before the  
17 close of such period.

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