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# H. R. 995

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 1, 2005

Mr. WELLER (for himself, Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida, Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, and Mr. WEXLER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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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 “Combat Military Medi-  
5       cally Retired Veteran’s Fairness Act of 2005”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXCEPTION TO 20-YEAR SERVICE REQUIREMENT**  
2 **FOR MEMBERS WHO RECEIVED PURPLE**  
3 **HEART.**

4 (a) ENTITLEMENT.—Section 1413a(c) of title 10,  
5 United States Code, is amended—

6 (1) by inserting “(1)” before “For purposes  
7 of”;

8 (2) by striking “(1) has” and inserting “(A)  
9 has”;

10 (3) by striking “(2) has” and inserting “(B)  
11 has”; and

12 (4) by adding at the end the following new  
13 paragraph:

14 “(2) In addition to members described in paragraph  
15 (1), a member of the uniformed services retired under  
16 chapter 61 of this title with less than 20 years of service  
17 creditable under section 1405 of this title is an eligible  
18 combat-related uniformed services retiree for the purposes  
19 of subsection (a) if the member has a combat-related dis-  
20 ability described in subsection (e)(1). In the case of such  
21 a member, the determination under subsection (b) of the  
22 amount of compensation to be paid such member under  
23 this section shall be made without regard to paragraph  
24 (3) of that subsection.”.

25 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
26 subsection (a) shall take effect with respect to payments

1 of compensation under section 1413a of title 10, United  
2 States Code, for months beginning on or after the date  
3 of the enactment of this Act.

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