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S. 1822

To amend the Federal Direct Loan Program to provide that interest shall not accrue on Federal Direct Loans for active duty service members and their spouses.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 19, 2007

Mr. BAYH introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

# 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 “Interest Relief Act”.

5 SEC. 2. NO ACCRUAL OF INTEREST FOR ACTIVE DUTY  
6 SERVICE MEMBERS AND THEIR SPOUSES.

7 Section 455 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20  
8 U.S.C. 1087e) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
9 lowing:

1       “(m) NO ACCRUAL OF INTEREST FOR ACTIVE DUTY  
2 SERVICE MEMBERS AND THEIR SPOUSES.—

3           “(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other  
4 provision of this part, and except as provided in  
5 paragraph (3), interest on a loan made under this  
6 part shall not accrue for an eligible borrower.

7           “(2) ELIGIBLE BORROWER.—In this subsection,  
8 the term ‘eligible borrower’ means an individual—

9               “(A) who is—

10               “(i) serving on active duty during a  
11 war or other military operation or national  
12 emergency; or

13               “(ii) performing qualifying National  
14 Guard duty during a war or other military  
15 operation or national emergency; or

16               “(B) who is the spouse of an individual de-  
17 scribed in subparagraph (A).

18           “(3) LIMITATION.—An individual who qualifies  
19 as an eligible borrower under this subsection may re-  
20 ceive the benefit of this subsection for not more than  
21 60 months.”.

