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S. 2309

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 6, 2007

Mr. AKAKA introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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 “Compensation for
5 Combat Veterans Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. CLARIFICATION OF SERVICE TREATABLE AS SERV-**
2 **ICE ENGAGED IN COMBAT WITH THE ENEMY**
3 **FOR UTILIZATION OF NON-OFFICIAL EVI-**
4 **DENCE FOR PROOF OF SERVICE-CONNEC-**
5 **TION IN COMBAT-RELATED DISEASES OR IN-**
6 **JURIES.**

7 Section 1154(b) of title 38, United States Code, is
8 amended—

9 (1) by inserting “(1)” after “(b)”; and

10 (2) by adding at the end the following new
11 paragraph:

12 “(2) A veteran who during active service described
13 in paragraph (1) served in a combat zone for purposes
14 of section 112 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or
15 a predecessor provision of law, shall be treated as having
16 engaged in combat with the enemy in active service for
17 purposes of that paragraph during such service in that
18 combat zone.”.

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