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H. R. 2270

To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the establishment of a compensation fund to make payments to qualified World War II veterans on the basis of certain qualifying service.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BUYER (for himself, Mr. WALZ, and Ms. HERSETH SANDLIN) introduced the following bill; which was 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 “Benefits for Qualified
5 World War II Veterans Act of 2009”.

1 **SEC. 2. BENEFITS FOR QUALIFIED WORLD WAR II VET-**
2 **ERANS.**

3 (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF COMPENSATION FUND.—
4 Subchapter II of chapter 5 of title 38, United States Code,
5 is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

6 **“§ 532. Qualified World War II Veterans Equity Com-**
7 **ensation Fund**

8 “(a) COMPENSATION FUND.—(1) There is in the gen-
9 eral fund of the Treasury a fund to be known as the
10 ‘Qualified World War II Veterans Equity Compensation
11 Fund’ (in this section referred to as the ‘compensation
12 fund’).

13 “(2) Subject to the availability of appropriations for
14 such purpose, amounts in the compensation fund shall be
15 available to the Secretary without fiscal year limitation to
16 make payments to eligible individuals in accordance with
17 this section.

18 “(b) ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS.—(1) An eligible indi-
19 vidual is an individual who—

20 “(A) during the 1-year period beginning on the
21 date of the enactment of the Benefits for Qualified
22 World War II Veterans Act of 2009, submits to the
23 Secretary an application containing such information
24 and assurances as the Secretary may require;

1 “(B) has not received benefits under the Serv-
2 icemen’s Readjustment Act of 1944 (Public Law
3 78–346); and

4 “(C) has engaged in qualified service.

5 “(2) For purposes of paragraph (1), a person has en-
6 gaged in qualified service if the service of the person has
7 been determined to have been active duty service pursuant
8 to section 1401 of the GI Bill Improvement Act of 1977
9 (38 U.S.C. 106 note).

10 “(c) AMOUNT OF PAYMENTS.—The Secretary shall
11 make a monthly payment out of the compensation fund
12 in the amount of \$1,000 to an eligible individual. The Sec-
13 retary shall make such payments to eligible individuals in
14 the order in which the Secretary receives the applications
15 of the eligible individuals.

16 “(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—(1)
17 There are authorized to be appropriated to the compensa-
18 tion fund such sums as may be necessary to carry out this
19 section.

20 “(2) Funds appropriated to carry out this section
21 shall remain available until expended.

22 “(e) REPORTS.—The Secretary shall include, in docu-
23 ments submitted to Congress by the Secretary in support
24 of the President’s budget for each fiscal year, detailed in-
25 formation on the operation of the compensation fund, in-

1 cluding the number of applicants, the number of eligible
2 individuals receiving benefits, the amounts paid out of the
3 compensation fund, the administration of the compensa-
4 tion fund, and an estimate of the amounts necessary to
5 fully fund the compensation fund for that fiscal year and
6 each of the three subsequent fiscal years.

7 “(f) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary shall prescribe
8 regulations to carry out this section.”.

9 (b) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 180 days after
10 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall
11 prescribe the regulations required under section 532(f) of
12 title 38, United States Code, as added by subsection (a).

13 (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
14 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by inserting
15 after the item related to section 531 the following new
16 item:

“532. Qualified World War II Veterans Equity Compensation Fund.”.

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