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# H. R. 4440

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 13, 2010

Mr. MCNERNEY (for himself and Mr. HALL of New York) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2       This Act may be cited as the “Combat Operations  
3 and Medical Benefit Authorization for our Troops Act of  
4 2010” or the “COMBAT Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. INCREASE IN CERTAIN SPECIAL AND INCENTIVES**

6                   **PAYS AND INCREASE IN FAMILY SEPARATION**  
7                   **ALLOWANCE.**

8       (a) DUTY SUBJECT TO HOSTILE FIRE OR IMMINENT  
9 DANGER OR HAZARDOUS DUTY PAY.—

10           (1) HAZARDOUS DUTY PAY.—Section 301 of  
11 title 37, United States Code, is amended—

12                   (A) in the tables in subsections (b) and  
13                   (c)(2)(A), by increasing each dollar amount by  
14                   \$50; and

15                   (B) in subsection (c)(1)—

16                           (i) by striking “\$150” and inserting  
17                           “\$200”; and

18                           (ii) by striking “\$225” and inserting  
19                           “\$275”.

20           (2) HOSTILE FIRE PAY OR IMMINENT DANGER  
21 PAY.—Section 310(b) of title 37, United States  
22 Code, as amended by section 618 of the National  
23 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010  
24 (Public Law 111–84; 123 Stat. 2355), is amended  
25 by striking “\$225 a month” and inserting “\$600 a

1 month (\$350 a month in the case of duty described  
2 in subsection (a)(2)(D))”.

3 (3) CONSOLIDATED HAZARDOUS DUTY PAY AU-  
4 THORITY.—Section 351(b) of title 37, United States  
5 Code, is amended—

6 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “\$450”  
7 and inserting “\$600”;

8 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “\$250”  
9 and inserting “\$300”; and

10 (C) in paragraph (3), by striking “\$250”  
11 and inserting “\$350”.

12 (b) SPECIAL PAY FOR PSYCHOLOGISTS.—Section  
13 302c of title 37, United States Code, is amended—

14 (1) by striking subsection (b) and inserting the  
15 following new subsection:

16 “(b) RATE OF SPECIAL PAY.—The rate of special pay  
17 to which an officer is entitled pursuant to subsection (a)  
18 shall be—

19 “(1) \$4,000 per year, if the officer has less  
20 than 10 years of creditable service;

21 “(2) \$5,000 per year, if the officer has at least  
22 10 but less than 12 years of creditable service;

23 “(3) \$6,000 per year, if the officer has at least  
24 12 but less than 14 years of creditable service;

1 “(4) \$8,000 per year, if the officer has at least  
2 14 but less than 18 years of creditable service; or

3 “(5) \$10,000 per year, if the officer has 18 or  
4 more years of creditable service.”; and

5 (2) in subsection (d)—

6 (A) by redesignating paragraphs (1)  
7 through (4) as subparagraphs (A) through (D),  
8 respectively;

9 (B) by striking “the rates specified in sub-  
10 section (b)” and inserting “the rates specified  
11 in paragraph (2)”;

12 (C) by inserting “(1)” before “The Sec-  
13 retary”; and

14 (D) by adding at the end the following new  
15 paragraph:

16 “(2) The rate of special pay to which an officer is  
17 entitled pursuant to paragraph (1) shall be—

18 “(A) \$2,000 per year, if the officer has less  
19 than 10 years of creditable service;

20 “(B) \$2,500 per year, if the officer has at least  
21 10 but less than 12 years of creditable service;

22 “(C) \$3,000 per year, if the officer has at least  
23 12 but less than 14 years of creditable service;

24 “(D) \$4,000 per year, if the officer has at least  
25 14 but less than 18 years of creditable service; or

1           “(E) \$5,000 per year, if the officer has 18 or  
2           more years of creditable service.”.

3           (c) SPECIAL PAY FOR SERVICE AS MEMBER OF  
4 WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION CIVIL SUPPORT  
5 TEAM.—Section 305b(b) of title 37, United States Code,  
6 is amended by striking “\$150” and inserting “\$300”.

7           (d) SPECIAL PAY OR BONUS FOR MEMBERS EX-  
8 TENDING DUTY AT DESIGNATED LOCATIONS OVER-  
9 SEAS.—Section 314(b) of title 37, United States Code, is  
10 amended—

11           (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “\$80 per  
12           month” and inserting “\$200 per month”; and

13           (2) in paragraph (2), by striking “\$2,000 per  
14           year” and inserting “\$3,000 per year”.

15           (e) SPECIAL PAY FOR SPECIAL WARFARE OFFICERS  
16 EXTENDING PERIOD OF ACTIVE DUTY.—Section 318(d)  
17 of title 37, United States Code, is amended by striking  
18 “\$15,000 for each year” and inserting “\$20,000 for each  
19 year”.

20           (f) COMBAT-RELATED INJURY REHABILITATION  
21 PAY.—Section 328(d) of title 37, United States Code, is  
22 amended by striking “\$430” and inserting “\$600”.

1       (g) FAMILY SEPARATION ALLOWANCE.—Section  
2 427(a) of title 37, United States Code, is amended by  
3 striking “\$250” and inserting “\$450”.

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