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H. R. 5449

To amend section 310 of the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2009 to extend the period of time during which claims for retroactive stop-loss special pay may be submitted.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 27, 2010

Ms. SUTTON (for herself, Mr. JONES, Mr. HARE, Mr. WALZ, Ms. KILROY, Mr. COURTNEY, and Mr. BOCCIERI) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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. TIME PERIOD FOR SUBMISSION OF CLAIMS**
4 **FOR RETROACTIVE STOP-LOSS SPECIAL PAY.**

5 (a) EXTENSION.—Section 310(b) of the Supple-
6 mental Appropriations Act, 2009 (Public Law 111–32;
7 123 Stat. 1871) is amended by striking “1 year” both
8 places it appears and inserting “2 years”.

1 (b) PLAN FOR IMPROVED DOD INFORMATION DIS-
2 SEMINATION EFFORTS.—

3 (1) PLAN REQUIRED.—As part of the report re-
4 quired by subsection (h) of section 310 of the Sup-
5 plemental Appropriations Act, 2009 (Public Law
6 111–32; 123 Stat. 1871), the Secretary of Defense
7 shall include a plan describing Department of De-
8 fense outreach and informational efforts to promote
9 and increase awareness of the retroactive availability
10 stop-loss special pay under such section. The plan
11 shall include a timeline for full implementation of
12 the plan.

13 (2) SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS.—In developing
14 the plan, the Secretary of Defense shall consider, at
15 a minimum, the following:

16 (A) Previous Department of Defense out-
17 reach and informational efforts and how these
18 efforts will be expanded and improved to make
19 eligible members of the Armed Forces and vet-
20 erans aware of the availability of retroactive
21 stop-loss payments.

22 (B) Department of Defense efforts to co-
23 ordinate with the Department of Veterans Af-
24 fairs, veteran service organizations, and other
25 pertinent veteran groups to increase and im-

1 prove outreach and awareness of the availability
2 of retroactive stop-loss payments.

3 (C) Contacting members of the Armed
4 Forces who have transferred to the Individual
5 Ready Reserve since September 11, 2001, as a
6 way of increasing awareness of the availability
7 of retroactive stop-loss payments.

8 (3) EXPLANATION.—In the report referred to in
9 paragraph (1), the Secretary of Defense shall de-
10 scribe how the Secretary addressed each of the spe-
11 cial considerations specified in paragraph (2). If the
12 decision is made not to fully implement one or more
13 of the special considerations, the Secretary shall ex-
14 plain why that decision was made.

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