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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, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. LAUTENBERG introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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.—Subsection (b) of section 310 of
6 the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2009 (Public Law
7 111–32; 123 Stat. 1871) is amended by striking “1 year”
8 both places it appears and inserting “2 years”.

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

3 (1) PLAN REQUIRED.—In the first report sub-
4 mitted under subsection (h) of section 310 of the
5 Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2009 after the
6 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
7 Defense shall include a plan describing Department
8 of Defense outreach and informational efforts to
9 promote and increase awareness of the retroactive
10 availability stop-loss special pay under such section.
11 The plan shall include a timeline for full implemen-
12 tation of the plan.

13 (2) SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS.—In developing
14 the plan, the Secretary shall consider, at a min-
15 imum, 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 (3) EXPLANATION.—In the report referred to in
4 paragraph (1), the Secretary shall describe how the
5 Secretary addressed each of the special consider-
6 ations specified in paragraph (2). If the decision is
7 made not to fully implement one or more of the spe-
8 cial considerations, the Secretary shall explain why
9 that decision was made.

10 (4) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR COSTS OF AD-
11 MINISTRATION.—

12 (A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subpara-
13 graph (B), amounts appropriated by subsection
14 (a) of section 310 of the Supplemental Appro-
15 priations Act, 2009 that remain available for
16 obligation shall be available for administrative
17 costs in connection with the implementation of
18 the outreach and informational efforts covered
19 by the plan submitted pursuant to paragraph
20 (1) and the conduct of such other outreach and
21 informational efforts as the Secretary considers
22 appropriate to inform eligible members of the
23 Armed Forces and veterans of the benefits
24 available under such section.

1 (B) LIMITATION.—The total amount uti-
2 lized under the authority in subparagraph (A)
3 may not exceed \$10,000,000.

4 (5) REPORTS ON IMPLEMENTATION.—In the
5 second and subsequent reports submitted under sub-
6 section (h) of section 310 of the Supplemental Ap-
7 propriations Act, 2009 after the date of the enact-
8 ment of this Act, the Secretary shall include a de-
9 scription and assessment of the outreach and infor-
10 mational efforts conducted with regard to such sec-
11 tion, including the outreach and informational ef-
12 forts under the plan required by paragraph (1).
13 Each report shall include a description of the use, if
14 any, of amounts under paragraph (4) for adminis-
15 trative costs described in subparagraph (A) of that
16 paragraph during the six-month period ending on
17 the date of such report.

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