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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 9, 2009

Mr. REID 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Retired Pay Restora-
5 tion Act of 2009”.

1 **SEC. 2. ELIGIBILITY FOR PAYMENT OF BOTH RETIRED PAY**
2 **AND VETERANS' DISABILITY COMPENSATION**
3 **FOR CERTAIN MILITARY RETIREES WITH**
4 **COMPENSABLE SERVICE-CONNECTED DIS-**
5 **ABILITIES.**

6 (a) EXTENSION OF CONCURRENT RECEIPT AUTHOR-
7 ITY TO RETIREES WITH SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABIL-
8 ITIES RATED LESS THAN 50 PERCENT.—

9 (1) REPEAL OF 50 PERCENT REQUIREMENT.—
10 Section 1414 of title 10, United States Code, is
11 amended by striking paragraph (2) of subsection (a).

12 (2) COMPUTATION.—Paragraph (1) of sub-
13 section (c) of such section is amended by adding at
14 the end the following new subparagraph:

15 “(G) For a month for which the retiree re-
16 ceives veterans' disability compensation for a
17 disability rated as 40 percent or less or has a
18 service-connected disability rated as zero per-
19 cent, \$0.”.

20 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—

21 (1) The heading of section 1414 of such title is
22 amended to read as follows:

1 **“§ 1414. Members eligible for retired pay who are also**
2 **eligible for veterans’ disability compensa-**
3 **tion: concurrent payment of retired pay**
4 **and disability compensation”.**

5 (2) The item relating to such section in the
6 table of sections at the beginning of chapter 71 of
7 such title is amended to read as follows:

“1414. Members eligible for retired pay who are also eligible for veterans’ dis-
ability compensation: concurrent payment of retired pay and
disability compensation.”.

8 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
9 this section shall take effect on January 1, 2009, and shall
10 apply to payments for months beginning on or after that
11 date.

12 **SEC. 3. COORDINATION OF SERVICE ELIGIBILITY FOR COM-**
13 **BAT-RELATED SPECIAL COMPENSATION AND**
14 **CONCURRENT RECEIPT.**

15 (a) AMENDMENTS TO STANDARDIZE SIMILAR PROVI-
16 SIONS.—

17 (1) QUALIFIED RETIREES.—Subsection (a) of
18 section 1414 of title 10, United States Code, as
19 amended by section 2(a), is amended—

20 (A) by striking “a member or” and all that
21 follows through “retiree)” and inserting “a
22 qualified retiree”; and

23 (B) by adding at the end the following new
24 paragraph:

1 “(2) QUALIFIED RETIREES.—For purposes
2 of this section, a qualified retiree, with respect
3 to any month, is a member or former member
4 of the uniformed services who—

5 “(A) is entitled to retired pay (other
6 by reason of section 12731b of this title);
7 and

8 “(B) is also entitled for that month to
9 veterans' disability compensation.”.

10 (2) DISABILITY RETIREES.—Paragraph (2) of
11 subsection (b) of section 1414 of such title is
12 amended to read as follows:

13 “(2) SPECIAL RULE FOR RETIREES WITH
14 FEWER THAN 20 YEARS OF SERVICE.—The retired
15 pay of a qualified retiree who is retired under chap-
16 ter 61 of this title with fewer than 20 years of cred-
17 itable service is subject to reduction by the lesser
18 of—

19 “(A) the amount of the reduction under
20 sections 5304 and 5305 of title 38; or

21 “(B) the amount (if any) by which the
22 amount of the member's retired pay under such
23 chapter exceeds the amount equal to 2½ per-
24 cent of the member's years of creditable service
25 multiplied by the member's retired pay base

1 under section 1406(b)(1) or 1407 of this title,
2 whichever is applicable to the member.”.

3 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
4 this section shall take effect on January 1, 2009, and shall
5 apply to payments for months beginning on or after that
6 date.

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