S. 1664

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

October 6, 2011

Mrs. Feinstein introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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 "Equal Justice for Our
- 5 Military Act of 2011".

| 1 | SEC. 2. CERTIORARI TO THE UNITED STATES COURT OF AP- |
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| 2 | PEALS FOR THE ARMED FORCES. |
| 3 | (a) In General.—Section 1259 of title 28, United |
| 4 | States Code, is amended— |
| 5 | (1) in paragraph (3), by inserting "or denied" |
| 6 | after "granted"; and |
| 7 | (2) in paragraph (4), by inserting "or denied" |
| 8 | after "granted". |
| 9 | (b) Technical and Conforming Amendments.— |
| 10 | (1) Title 10.—Section 867a(a) of title 10, |
| 11 | United States Code, is amended by striking "The |
| 12 | Supreme Court may not review by a writ of certio- |
| 13 | rari under this section any action of the Court of |
| 14 | Appeals for the Armed Forces in refusing to grant |
| 15 | a petition for review.". |
| 16 | (2) Time for application for writ of cer- |
| 17 | TIORARI.—Section 2101(g) of title 28, United States |
| 18 | Code, is amended to read as follows: |
| 19 | "(g) The time for application for a writ of certiorari |
| 20 | to review a decision of the United States Court of Appeals |
| 21 | for the Armed Forces, or the decision of a Court of Crimi- |
| 22 | nal Appeals that the United States Court of Appeals for |
| 23 | the Armed Forces refuses to grant a petition to review, |
| 24 | shall be as prescribed by rules of the Supreme Court.". |

1 SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.

- 2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subsection (b), the
- 3 amendments made by this Act shall take effect upon the
- 4 expiration of the 180-day period beginning on the date of
- 5 the enactment of this Act and shall apply to any petition
- 6 granted or denied by the United States Court of Appeals
- 7 for the Armed Forces on or after that effective date.
- 8 (b) Authority To Prescribe Rules.—The au-
- 9 thority of the Supreme Court to prescribe rules to carry
- 10 out section 2101(g) of title 28, United States Code, as
- 11 amended by section 2(b)(2) of this Act, shall take effect
- 12 on the date of the enactment of this Act.

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