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H. R. 4314

To amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a student loan repayment program for totally disabled veterans.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RIBBLE (for himself and Mr. KIND) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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. ESTABLISHMENT OF VETERAN STUDENT LOAN**

4 **REPAYMENT PROGRAM.**

5 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Chapter 36 of title 38,
6 United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the
7 following:

1 **“§ 3699. Student loan repayment program for totally**
2 **disabled veterans**

3 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall establish a
4 student loan repayment program in which the Secretary
5 repays the undergraduate student loans of covered vet-
6 erans.

7 “(b) MONTHLY PAYMENT.—In carrying out sub-
8 section (a), the Secretary, on a monthly basis, shall pay
9 directly to the holder of an undergraduate student loan
10 of a covered veteran an amount that is equal to the month-
11 ly amount computed under subsection (c)(1).

12 “(c) AMOUNTS.—(1) The monthly amount paid by
13 the Secretary under subsection (b) for a covered veteran
14 enrolled in the program established under subsection (a)
15 is the amount that equals the monthly amount that the
16 covered veteran owes the holder of the loan.

17 “(2) Except as provided by paragraph (3), the total
18 amount that the Secretary may pay for a covered veteran
19 enrolled in the program established under subsection (a)
20 is the amount that the veteran owes to the holder of any
21 undergraduate student loan of the veteran as of the date
22 on which the veteran became totally service-connected dis-
23 abled.

24 “(3) In addition to the total amount paid pursuant
25 to paragraph (2), with respect to a covered veteran en-
26 rolled in the program established under subsection (a)

1 who, as of the date on which the veteran applies for such
2 enrollment, owes to the holder of an undergraduate stu-
3 dent loan of the veteran an amount that is less than the
4 total amount that the veteran owed as of the date on
5 which the veteran became totally service-connected dis-
6 abled, the Secretary shall pay to the covered veteran an
7 amount equal to—

8 “(A) the difference of—

9 “(i) the amount the veteran owed to such
10 holder as of the date of such disability; and

11 “(ii) the amount the veteran owes to such
12 holder as of the date of such application; plus

13 “(B) any interest to the amount calculated
14 under subparagraph (A), as determined by the Sec-
15 retary based on the percentage by which there was
16 a social security increase (as defined in section
17 1104(b) of this title) during each year occurring
18 during the period beginning on the date of such dis-
19 ability and ending on the date of such application.

20 “(d) EFFECT ON OTHER PROGRAMS.—Enrollment in
21 the program established under subsection (a) shall not af-
22 fect any other educational assistance that a veteran may
23 be entitled to by reason of the service of the veteran in
24 the Armed Forces.

25 “(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 “(1) The term ‘covered veteran’ means a vet-
2 eran who—

3 “(A) served in the Armed Forces on or
4 after September 11, 2001; and

5 “(B) has a service-connected disability
6 rated as total.

7 “(2) The term ‘undergraduate student loan’
8 means a loan, whether Federal, State, or private—

9 “(A) to assist an individual to attend an
10 institution of higher learning (as such term is
11 defined in section 3452(f) of this title), includ-
12 ing a loan made, insured, or guaranteed under
13 part B, D, or E of title IV of the Higher Edu-
14 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1077 et seq.,
15 1087a et seq., 1087aa et seq.) or a private edu-
16 cation loan (as defined in section 140 of the
17 Truth in Lending Act);

18 “(B) that was made to a covered veteran
19 before the date on which the veteran entered
20 into the Armed Forces; and

21 “(C) for which the veteran used to pursue
22 an undergraduate degree at such an institu-
23 tion.”.

1 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
2 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by adding
3 at the end the following new item:

“3699. Student loan repayment program for totally disabled veterans.”.

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