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S. 2358

To amend title 10, United States Code, to authorize additional leave for members of the Armed Forces in connection with the birth of a child.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 20, 2014

Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself and Mrs. McCASKILL) 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 “Military Opportunities
5 for Mothers Act” or the “MOM Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. AVAILABILITY OF ADDITIONAL LEAVE FOR MEM-**
2 **BERS OF THE ARMED FORCES IN CONNEC-**
3 **TION WITH THE BIRTH OF A CHILD.**

4 Section 701(j) of title 10, United States Code, is
5 amended—

6 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (1) and (2) as
7 paragraphs (2) and (3), respectively;

8 (2) by inserting after “(j)” the following new
9 paragraph (1):

10 “(1) Under regulations prescribed by the Secretary
11 concerned, a member of the armed forces who gives birth
12 to a child shall receive 42 days of convalescent leave to
13 be used in connection with the birth of the child. At the
14 discretion of the member, the member shall be allowed up
15 to 42 additional days in a leave of absence status in con-
16 nection with the birth of the child upon the expiration of
17 the convalescent leave, except that—

18 “(A) a member who uses this additional leave
19 is not entitled to basic pay for any day on which
20 such additional leave is used, but shall be considered
21 to be on active duty for all other purposes; and

22 “(B) the commanding officer of the member
23 may recall the member to duty from such leave of
24 absence status when necessary to maintain unit
25 readiness.”; and

1 (3) in paragraph (3), as redesignated by para-
2 graph (1) of this section, by striking “paragraph
3 (1)” and inserting “paragraphs (1) and (2)”.

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