

115TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 7237

To amend title 10, United States Code, to ensure that the final pay and certificate of discharge or release for a reserve member of the Armed Forces is ready upon discharge or release of that member from active status.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 10, 2018

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi (for himself and Mr. WALZ) introduced the following bill; which was 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 “Reserve Component
5 DD–214 Act of 2018”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINAL PAY AND CERTIFICATE OF DISCHARGE OR**
2 **RELEASE FOR RESERVE MEMBERS OF THE**
3 **ARMED FORCES UPON DISCHARGE OR RE-**
4 **LEASE FROM ACTIVE STATUS.**

5 Section 1168 of title 10, United States Code, is
6 amended—

7 (1) in the heading, by inserting “**or active**
8 **status**” after “**active duty**”; and

9 (2) in subsection (a)—

10 (A) by inserting “(1)” before “A member”;

11 (B) by striking “an armed force” and in-
12 sserting “the armed forces (including the reserve
13 components)”;

14 (C) by inserting “or active status” after
15 “active duty” the first place it appears;

16 (D) by striking “his discharge certificate
17 or certificate of release from active duty, re-
18 spectively,” and inserting “the appropriate cer-
19 tificate”;

20 (E) by striking “his final pay or a substan-
21 tial part of that pay,” and inserting “the final
22 pay of the member (or a substantial part of
23 that pay)”;

24 (F) by striking “him or his next of kin or
25 legal representative” and inserting “the mem-

1 ber (or the next of kin or legal representative
2 of the member)”; and

3 (G) by adding at the end the following new
4 paragraph (2):

5 “(2) In paragraph (1), the term ‘appropriate certifi-
6 cate’ means the following:

7 “(A) In the case of a member being discharged,
8 a discharge certificate.

9 “(B) In the case of a member being released
10 from active duty, a certificate of release from active
11 duty.

12 “(C) In the case of a member being released
13 from active status, a certificate of release from ac-
14 tive status.”.

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