

115TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 7237

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## 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

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## 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 serting “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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