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H. R. 4733

To provide improved income security for members of the Individual Ready Reserve who are called to active duty.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To provide improved income security for members of the Individual Ready Reserve who are called to active duty.

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. MONTHLY BONUS FOR INDIVIDUAL READY RE-**
4 **SERVE MEMBERS ORDERED TO ACTIVE DUTY**
5 **WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF THE MEMBERS.**

6 (a) INVOLUNTARY DUTY BONUS.—Chapter 5 of title
7 37, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end
8 the following new section:

1 **“§ 327. Special pay: monthly bonus for members of In-**
2 **dividual Ready Reserve ordered to active**
3 **duty without their consent**

4 “(a) MONTHLY BONUS REQUIRED.—The Secretary
5 concerned shall pay a bonus under this section to each
6 member of the Individual Ready Reserve who is ordered,
7 without the consent of the member, to active duty for a
8 period of more than 30 days. The bonus shall be paid for
9 each month during which the member serves on active
10 duty pursuant to that order.

11 “(b) AMOUNT OF BONUS.—(1) The monthly rate of
12 the bonus under this section is \$500.

13 “(2) If a member entitled to a bonus under this sec-
14 tion does not serve on active duty for an entire month,
15 the Secretary concerned shall pay the member a pro rata
16 portion of the bonus for those days of the month on which
17 the member served on active duty.

18 “(c) RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER PAY OR ALLOW-
19 ANCES.—A bonus under this section is in addition to any
20 other pay or allowance payable to a member under any
21 other provision of law.”.

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

“327. Special pay: monthly bonus for members of Individual Ready Reserve or-
dered to active duty without their consent.”.

1 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Section 327 of title 37,
2 United States Code, as added by subsection (a), shall
3 apply to months beginning on or after October 1, 2004.

4 **SEC. 2. PRESERVATION OF VETERANS DISABILITY COM-**
5 **PENSATION BENEFITS FOR MEMBERS OF THE**
6 **INDIVIDUAL READY RESERVE ORDERED TO**
7 **ACTIVE DUTY.**

8 (a) TITLE 38, UNITED STATES CODE.—Section
9 5304(c) of title 38, United States Code, is amended by
10 adding at the end the following new sentence: “The pre-
11 ceding sentence shall not apply to with respect to payment
12 of compensation to a person who is a member of the Indi-
13 vidual Ready Reserve of any of the reserve components
14 for any period during which that person is on active duty
15 after being released from the period of active duty during
16 which that person incurred the disease or disability for
17 which compensation is paid.”.

18 (b) TITLE 10, UNITED STATES CODE.—Section
19 12316(b) of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

20 (1) by inserting “(1)” after “(b)”; and

21 (2) by adding at the end the following:

22 “(2) Notwithstanding subsection (a) and paragraph
23 (1), a member of the Individual Ready Reserve who is en-
24 titled to disability compensation because of earlier military
25 service and who is ordered to active duty without the con-

1 sent of the member for a period of more than 30 days
2 is entitled during that period of active duty both to that
3 disability compensation and to the compensation described
4 in subsection (a)(2).”.

5 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
6 subsections (a) and (b) shall apply to payment of com-
7 pensation under title 38, United States Code, for months
8 after December 2002.

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