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H. R. 972

To clarify the effective date of the modification of treatment for retirement annuity purposes of part-time service before April 7, 1986, of certain Department of Veterans Affairs health-care professionals.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 27, 2003

Ms. BALDWIN (for herself, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Ms. LEE, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. DINGELL, Mr. RODRIGUEZ, Mr. PAYNE, Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mrs. MALONEY, Mr. FROST, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. KIND, Mrs. JONES of Ohio, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. STRICKLAND, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. OWENS, and Mr. FARR) 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. EFFECTIVE DATE OF MODIFICATION OF TREAT-**
2 **MENT FOR RETIREMENT ANNUITY PURPOSES**
3 **OF CERTAIN PART-TIME SERVICE OF CER-**
4 **TAIN DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**
5 **HEALTH-CARE PROFESSIONALS.**

6 (a) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The effective date of the
7 amendment made by section 132 of the Department of
8 Veterans Affairs Health Care Programs Enhancement Act
9 of 2001 (Public Law 107–135; 115 Stat. 2454) shall be
10 January 23, 2002, in the case of health care professionals
11 referred to in subsection (c) of section 7426 of title 38,
12 United States Code (as so amended), who retire on or
13 after that date and in the case of health care professionals
14 referred to in such subsection (c) who retired before such
15 date, but after April 7, 1986.

16 (b) **RECOMPUTATION OF ANNUITY.**—The Office of
17 Personnel Management shall recompute the annuity of
18 each health-care professional described in the first sen-
19 tence of subsection (c) of section 7426 of title 38, United
20 States Code (as so amended), who retired before January
21 23, 2002, but after April 7, 1986, in order to take into
22 account the amendment made by section 132 of the De-
23 partment of Veterans Affairs Health Care Programs En-
24 hancement Act of 2001. Such recomputation shall be ef-

- 1 fective with respect to annuities paid for months after
- 2 January 23, 2002.

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