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S. 2409

To provide for continued health benefits coverage for certain Federal employees, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 11, 2004

Mr. VOINOVICH (for himself, Mr. AKAKA, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Mr. DURBIN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs

A BILL

To provide for continued health benefits coverage for certain Federal employees, and for other purposes.

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. PAYMENT OF FEDERAL EMPLOYEE HEALTH**
4 **BENEFIT PREMIUMS.**

5 (a) AUTHORITY TO CONTINUE BENEFIT COV-
6 ERAGE.—Section 8905a of title 5, United States Code is
7 amended—

8 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “paragraph
9 (1) or (2) of”;

10 (2) in subsection (b)—

1 (A) in paragraph (1)(B), by striking “and”
 2 at the end;

3 (B) in paragraph (2)(C), by striking the
 4 period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

5 (C) by adding at the end the following:

6 “(3) any employee who—

7 “(A) is enrolled in a health benefits plan
 8 under this chapter;

9 “(B) is a member of a Reserve component
 10 of the armed forces;

11 “(C) is called or ordered to active duty in
 12 support of a contingency operation (as defined
 13 in section 101(a)(13) of title 10);

14 “(D) is placed on leave without pay or sep-
 15 arated from service to perform active duty; and

16 “(E) serves on active duty for a period of
 17 more than 30 consecutive days.”; and

18 (3) in subsection (e)(1)—

19 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “or”
 20 at the end;

21 (B) in subparagraph (B), by striking the
 22 period at the end and inserting “; or”; and

23 (C) by adding at the end the following:

24 “(C) in the case of an employee described
 25 in subsection (b)(3), the date which is 24

1 months after the employee is placed on leave
2 without pay or separated from service to per-
3 form active duty.”.

4 (b) AUTHORITY FOR AGENCIES TO PAY PRE-
5 MIUMS.—Subparagraph (C) of section 8906(e)(3) of such
6 title is amended by striking “18 months” and inserting
7 “24 months”.

8 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
9 this section shall take effect on March 1, 2003.

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