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# H. R. 6314

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BUYER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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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. EXTENSION OF CERTAIN EXPIRING PROVI-**  
4 **SIONS OF LAW ADMINISTERED BY THE SEC-**  
5 **RETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

6 (a) AUTHORITY FOR HEALTH CARE FOR PARTICIPA-  
7 TION IN DOD CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL WARFARE  
8 TESTING.—Section 1710(e)(3)(D) of title 38, United

1 States Code, is amended by striking “December 31, 2005”  
2 and inserting “December 31, 2007”.

3 (b) GRANT AND PER DIEM GRANT ASSISTANCE FOR  
4 HOMELESS VETERANS.—Section 2011(a)(2) of such title  
5 is amended by striking “September 30, 2005” and insert-  
6 ing “September 30, 2007”.

7 (c) TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION FOR SERI-  
8 OUSLY MENTALLY ILL AND HOMELESS VETERANS.—Sec-  
9 tion 2031(b) of such title is amended by striking “Decem-  
10 ber 31, 2006” and inserting “December 31, 2007”.

11 (d) ADDITIONAL SERVICES FOR HOMELESS AND SE-  
12 RIOUSLY MENTALLY ILL VETERANS.—Section 2033(d) of  
13 such title is amended by striking “December 31, 2006”  
14 and inserting “December 31, 2007”.

15 (e) ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON HOMELESS VET-  
16 ERANS.—Section 2066(d) of such title is amended by  
17 striking “December 31, 2006” and inserting “December  
18 31, 2007”.

19 (f) GOVERNMENT MARKERS IN PRIVATE CEME-  
20 TERIES.—Section 2306(d)(3) of such title is amended by  
21 striking “December 31, 2006” and inserting “December  
22 31, 2007”.

23 (g) ADDITIONAL EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE ALLOW-  
24 ANCE FOR WORK-STUDY.—Section 3485(a)(4) of such  
25 title is amended in subparagraphs (A), (C), and (F) by

1 striking “December 27, 2006” and inserting “June 30,  
2 2007”.

3 **SEC. 2. EXPANSION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR SURVIVORS’ AND**  
4 **DEPENDENTS’ EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE**  
5 **PROGRAM.**

6 (a) EXPANSION OF ELIGIBILITY.—Section  
7 3501(a)(1) of title 38, United States Code, is amended—

8 (1) by striking the period at the end of sub-  
9 paragraph (A) and inserting a semicolon;

10 (2) by striking the comma at the end of sub-  
11 paragraph (B) and inserting a semicolon;

12 (3) by striking “, or” at the end of subpara-  
13 graph (C) and inserting a semicolon;

14 (4) by striking the comma at the end of sub-  
15 paragraph (D) and inserting “; or”; and

16 (5) by inserting after subparagraph (D) the fol-  
17 lowing new subparagraph:

18 “(E) the spouse or child of a person who at the  
19 time of application by such spouse or child for edu-  
20 cational assistance under this chapter is a member  
21 of the Armed Forces who, as determined by the Sec-  
22 retary, has a total disability permanent in nature in-  
23 curred or aggravated in the active military, naval, or  
24 air service;”.

1 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Such title is fur-  
2 ther amended—

3 (1) in section 3511—

4 (A) in subsection (a)(1)—

5 (i) by striking “Each eligible person”  
6 and inserting the following: “Each eligible  
7 person, whether made eligible by one or  
8 more of the provisions of section  
9 3501(a)(1) of this title,”;

10 (ii) by striking “a period” and insert-  
11 ing “an aggregate period”; and

12 (iii) by striking the second sentence;

13 (B) in subsection (b)(3), by striking “sec-  
14 tion 3501(a)(1)(D)” and inserting “subpara-  
15 graph (D) or (E) of section 3501(a)(1)”;

16 (C) in subsection (c), by striking “or  
17 3501(a)(1)(D)(i)” and inserting  
18 “3501(a)(1)(D)(i), or 3501(a)(1)(E)”;

19 (2) in section 3512—

20 (A) in subsection (a), by striking “an eligi-  
21 ble person (within the meaning of section  
22 3501(a)(1)(A) of this title)” and inserting “an  
23 eligible person whose eligibility is based on the  
24 death or disability of a parent”;

25 (B) in subsection (b)—

1 (i) in paragraph (1)(A)—

2 (I) by inserting after “section  
3 3501(a)(1) of this title” the following:  
4 “or a person made eligible by the dis-  
5 ability of a spouse under section  
6 3501(a)(1)(E) of this title”;

7 (II) by striking “or  
8 3501(a)(1)(D)(ii) of this title” and in-  
9 serting “3501(a)(1)(D)(ii), or  
10 3501(a)(1)(E) of this title”;

11 (ii) in paragraph (1)(B), by adding at  
12 the end the following new clause:

13 “(iii) The date on which the Secretary notifies  
14 the member of the Armed Forces from whom eligi-  
15 bility is derived that the member has a total dis-  
16 ability permanent in nature incurred or aggravated  
17 in the active military, naval, or air service.”; and

18 (iii) in paragraph (2), by striking “or  
19 (D) of this title” and inserting “(D), or  
20 (E) of this title”;

21 (3) in section 3540, by striking “and (D)” and  
22 inserting “(D), and (E)”;

23 (4) in section 3563, by striking “each eligible  
24 person defined in section 3501(a)(1)(A) of this title”  
25 and inserting the following: “each eligible person

1 whose eligibility is based on the death or disability  
2 of a parent”;

3 (5) in section 3686(a)(1), by striking “or (D)”  
4 and inserting “(D), or (E)”; and

5 (6) in section 5113(b)(3)(B), by striking “or  
6 (D)” and inserting “(D), or (E)”.

7 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
8 this section shall apply with respect to a payment of edu-  
9 cational assistance for a course of education pursued after  
10 the date of the enactment of this Act.

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