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2^D SESSION

H. R. 6314

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

AN ACT

To amend title 38, United States Code, to extend certain expiring provisions of law and to expand eligibility for the Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance program.

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

4 (a) **AUTHORITY FOR HEALTH CARE FOR PARTICIPA-**
5 **TION IN DOD CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL WARFARE**
6 **TESTING.**—Section 1710(e)(3)(D) of title 38, United
7 States Code, is amended by striking “December 31, 2005”
8 and inserting “December 31, 2007”.

9 (b) **GRANT AND PER DIEM GRANT ASSISTANCE FOR**
10 **HOMELESS VETERANS.**—Section 2011(a)(2) of such title
11 is amended by striking “September 30, 2005” and insert-
12 ing “September 30, 2007”.

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

17 (d) **ADDITIONAL SERVICES FOR HOMELESS AND SE-**
18 **RIOUSLY MENTALLY ILL VETERANS.**—Section 2033(d) of
19 such title is amended by striking “December 31, 2006”
20 and inserting “December 31, 2007”.

21 (e) **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON HOMELESS VET-**
22 **ERANS.**—Section 2066(d) of such title is amended by
23 striking “December 31, 2006” and inserting “December
24 31, 2007”.

25 (f) **GOVERNMENT MARKERS IN PRIVATE CEME-**
26 **TERIES.**—Section 2306(d)(3) of such title is amended by

1 striking “December 31, 2006” and inserting “December
2 31, 2007”.

3 (g) ADDITIONAL EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE ALLOW-
4 ANCE FOR WORK-STUDY.—Section 3485(a)(4) of such
5 title is amended in subparagraphs (A), (C), and (F) by
6 striking “December 27, 2006” and inserting “June 30,
7 2007”.

8 **SEC. 2. EXPANSION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR SURVIVORS’ AND**
9 **DEPENDENTS’ EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE**
10 **PROGRAM.**

11 (a) EXPANSION OF ELIGIBILITY.—Section
12 3501(a)(1) of title 38, United States Code, is amended—

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

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

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

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

21 (5) by inserting after subparagraph (D) the fol-
22 lowing new subparagraph:

23 “(E) the spouse or child of a person who at the
24 time of application by such spouse or child for edu-
25 cational assistance under this chapter is a member

1 of the Armed Forces who, as determined by the Sec-
2 retary, has a total disability permanent in nature in-
3 curred or aggravated in the active military, naval, or
4 air service;”.

5 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Such title is fur-
6 ther amended—

7 (1) in section 3511—

8 (A) in subsection (a)(1)—

9 (i) by striking “Each eligible person”
10 and inserting the following: “Each eligible
11 person, whether made eligible by one or
12 more of the provisions of section
13 3501(a)(1) of this title,”;

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

16 (iii) by striking the second sentence;

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

20 (C) in subsection (c), by striking “or
21 3501(a)(1)(D)(i)” and inserting
22 “3501(a)(1)(D)(i), or 3501(a)(1)(E)”;

23 (2) in section 3512—

24 (A) in subsection (a), by striking “an eligi-
25 ble person (within the meaning of section

1 3501(a)(1)(A) of this title” and inserting “an
2 eligible person whose eligibility is based on the
3 death or disability of a parent”;

4 (B) in subsection (b)—

5 (i) in paragraph (1)(A)—

6 (I) by inserting after “section
7 3501(a)(1) of this title” the following:
8 “or a person made eligible by the dis-
9 ability of a spouse under section
10 3501(a)(1)(E) of this title”;

11 (II) by striking “or
12 3501(a)(1)(D)(ii) of this title” and in-
13 serting “3501(a)(1)(D)(ii), or
14 3501(a)(1)(E) of this title”;

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

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

22 (iii) in paragraph (2), by striking “or
23 (D) of this title” and inserting “(D), or
24 (E) of this title”;

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

3 (4) in section 3563, by striking “each eligible
4 person defined in section 3501(a)(1)(A) of this title”
5 and inserting the following: “each eligible person
6 whose eligibility is based on the death or disability
7 of a parent”;

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

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

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

 Passed the House of Representatives November 14,
2006.

Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,

Clerk.