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# H. R. 6686

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 31, 2008

Mr. MCNERNEY (for himself, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. HALL of New York, and Mr. BISHOP of New York) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Combat Operations  
3 and Medical Benefit Authorization for our Troops Act of  
4 2008” or the “COMBAT Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. INCREASE IN CERTAIN SPECIAL AND INCENTIVES**

6 **PAYS AND INCREASE IN FAMILY SEPARATION**

7 **ALLOWANCE.**

8 (a) DUTY SUBJECT TO HOSTILE FIRE OR IMMINENT  
9 DANGER OR HAZARDOUS DUTY PAY.—

10 (1) HAZARDOUS DUTY PAY.—Section 301 of  
11 title 37, United States Code, is amended—

12 (A) in the tables in subsections (b) and  
13 (c)(2)(A), by increasing each dollar amount by  
14 \$50; and

15 (B) in subsection (c)(1)—

16 (i) by striking “\$150” and inserting  
17 “\$200”; and

18 (ii) by striking “\$225” and inserting  
19 “\$275”.

20 (2) HOSTILE FIRE PAY OR IMMINENT DANGER  
21 PAY.—Section 310(a) of such title is amended by  
22 striking “the rate of \$225” and inserting “the max-  
23 imum rate of \$600 (\$350 in the case of duty de-  
24 scribed in paragraph (2)(D))”.

1           (3) CONSOLIDATED HAZARDOUS DUTY PAY AU-  
2           THORITY.—Section 351(b) of such title is amend-  
3           ed—

4                   (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “\$450”  
5                   and inserting “\$600”;

6                   (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “\$250”  
7                   and inserting “\$300”; and

8                   (C) in paragraph (3), by striking “\$250”  
9                   and inserting “\$350”.

10          (b) SPECIAL PAY FOR PSYCHOLOGISTS.—Section  
11          302c of such title is amended—

12                   (1) by striking subsection (b) and inserting the  
13                   following new subsection:

14                   “(b) RATE OF SPECIAL PAY.—The rate of special pay  
15                   to which an officer is entitled pursuant to subsection (a)  
16                   shall be—

17                           “(1) \$4,000 per year, if the officer has less  
18                           than 10 years of creditable service;

19                           “(2) \$5,000 per year, if the officer has at least  
20                           10 but less than 12 years of creditable service;

21                           “(3) \$6,000 per year, if the officer has at least  
22                           12 but less than 14 years of creditable service;

23                           “(4) \$8,000 per year, if the officer has at least  
24                           14 but less than 18 years of creditable service; or

1 “(5) \$10,000 per year, if the officer has 18 or  
2 more years of creditable service.”; and

3 (2) in subsection (d)—

4 (A) by redesignating paragraphs (1)  
5 through (4) as subparagraphs (A) through (D),  
6 respectively;

7 (B) by striking “the rates specified in sub-  
8 section (b)” and inserting “the rates specified  
9 in paragraph (2)”;

10 (C) by inserting “(1)” before “The Sec-  
11 retary”; and

12 (D) by adding at the end the following new  
13 paragraph:

14 “(2) The rate of special pay to which an officer is  
15 entitled pursuant to paragraph (1) shall be—

16 “(A) \$2,000 per year, if the officer has less  
17 than 10 years of creditable service;

18 “(B) \$2,500 per year, if the officer has at least  
19 10 but less than 12 years of creditable service;

20 “(C) \$3,000 per year, if the officer has at least  
21 12 but less than 14 years of creditable service;

22 “(D) \$4,000 per year, if the officer has at least  
23 14 but less than 18 years of creditable service; or

24 “(E) \$5,000 per year, if the officer has 18 or  
25 more years of creditable service.”.

1 (c) SPECIAL PAY FOR SERVICE AS MEMBER OF  
2 WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION CIVIL SUPPORT  
3 TEAM.—Section 305b(b) of such title is amended by strik-  
4 ing “\$150” and inserting “\$300”.

5 (d) SPECIAL PAY OR BONUS FOR MEMBERS EX-  
6 TENDING DUTY AT DESIGNATED LOCATIONS OVER-  
7 SEAS.—Section 314(b) of such title is amended—

8 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “\$80 per  
9 month” and inserting “\$200 per month”; and

10 (2) in paragraph (2), by striking “\$2,000 per  
11 year” and inserting “\$3,000 per year”.

12 (e) SPECIAL PAY FOR SPECIAL WARFARE OFFICERS  
13 EXTENDING PERIOD OF ACTIVE DUTY.—Section 318(d)  
14 of such title is amended by striking “\$15,000 for each  
15 year” and inserting “\$20,000 for each year”.

16 (f) COMBAT-RELATED INJURY REHABILITATION  
17 PAY.—Section 328(d) of such title is amended by striking  
18 “\$430” and inserting “\$600”.

19 (g) FAMILY SEPARATION ALLOWANCE.—Section  
20 427(a) of such title is amended by striking “\$250” and  
21 inserting “\$450”.

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