

111TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2960

To authorize the Secretary of Defense to pay an additional amount of assignment special pay to members of the Armed Forces who agree to serve in Afghanistan for up to six years or the duration of the United States mission in that country.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 19, 2009

Mr. KIRK (for himself and Mr. LARSEN of Washington) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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. ADDITIONAL ASSIGNMENT PAY FOR MEMBERS**
2 **AGREEING TO SERVE IN AFGHANISTAN FOR**
3 **THE DURATION OF THE UNITED STATES MIS-**
4 **SION.**

5 (a) **ADDITIONAL ASSIGNMENT PAY AUTHORIZED.**—
6 Notwithstanding the limitations specified in subsection (b)
7 of section 352 of title 37, United States Code, on the max-
8 imum amount of assignment or special duty pay that may
9 be paid to a member of the Armed Forces under such sec-
10 tion, the Secretary of Defense may authorize the payment
11 of assignment pay in the total amount of \$250,000 to a
12 member who agrees to serve on active duty in Afghanistan
13 for six years or the duration of the United States mission
14 in Afghanistan, whichever occurs first. The assignment pe-
15 riod required by the agreement shall provide for reason-
16 able periods of leave.

17 (b) **INCREASED AMOUNTS FOR MEMBERS FLUENT IN**
18 **CERTAIN LANGUAGES.**—If a member described in sub-
19 section (a) scores a 4.0 on the Foreign Service Institute
20 test for the dominant languages of Pashto and Dari, the
21 maximum amount of the assignment pay may be
22 \$500,000.

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