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H. R. 2938

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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AN ACT

To exempt from the calculation of monthly income certain benefits paid by the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Defense.

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 “Honoring American
3 Veterans in Extreme Need Act of 2019” or the “HAVEN
4 Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. DEFINITION OF CURRENT MONTHLY INCOME.**

6 Section 101(10A) of title 11, United States Code, is
7 amended by striking subparagraph (B) and inserting the
8 following:

9 “(B)(i) includes any amount paid by any
10 entity other than the debtor (or in a joint case
11 the debtor and the debtor’s spouse), on a reg-
12 ular basis for the household expenses of the
13 debtor or the debtor’s dependents (and in a
14 joint case the debtor’s spouse if not otherwise
15 a dependent); and

16 “(ii) excludes—

17 “(I) benefits received under the Social
18 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 301 et seq.);

19 “(II) payments to victims of war
20 crimes or crimes against humanity on ac-
21 count of their status as victims of such
22 crimes;

23 “(III) payments to victims of inter-
24 national terrorism or domestic terrorism,
25 as those terms are defined in section 2331

1 of title 18, on account of their status as
2 victims of such terrorism; and

3 “(IV) any monthly compensation, pen-
4 sion, pay, annuity, or allowance paid under
5 title 10, 37, or 38 in connection with a dis-
6 ability, combat-related injury or disability,
7 or death of a member of the uniformed
8 services, except that any retired pay ex-
9 cluded under this subclause shall include
10 retired pay paid under chapter 61 of title
11 10 only to the extent that such retired pay
12 exceeds the amount of retired pay to which
13 the debtor would otherwise be entitled if
14 retired under any provision of title 10
15 other than chapter 61 of that title.”.

16 **SEC. 3. DETERMINATION OF BUDGETARY EFFECTS.**

17 The budgetary effects of this Act, for the purpose of
18 complying with the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010,
19 shall be determined by reference to the latest statement
20 titled “Budgetary Effects of PAYGO Legislation” for this
21 Act, submitted for printing in the Congressional Record
22 by the Chairman of the House Budget Committee, pro-

1 vided that such statement has been submitted prior to the
2 vote on passage.

Passed the House of Representatives July 23, 2019.

Attest: CHERYL L. JOHNSON,
Clerk.