

## Union Calendar No. 129

116TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 2938

[Report No. 116-169]

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

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### IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 23, 2019

Mrs. MCBATH (for herself and Mr. STEUBE) introduced the following bill;  
which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

JULY 23, 2019

Additional sponsors: Mr. NADLER, Mr. CRENSHAW, Mr. CLYBURN, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. CICILLINE, Mr. AGUILAR, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Mr. CLEAVER, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Ms. BASS, Mr. SIRES, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. LEWIS, Mr. McEACHIN, Mr. NEGUSE, Ms. ESCOBAR, Ms. MOORE, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Mr. RICHMOND, Mr. LAWSON of Florida, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Ms. PLASKETT, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Ms. JOHNSON of Texas, Ms. FUDGE, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Ms. NORTON, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, Mrs. AXNE, Mr. KILMER, and Ms. FINKENAUER

JULY 23, 2019

Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union  
and ordered to be printed

# **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. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Honoring American  
5 Veterans in Extreme Need Act of 2019” or the “HAVEN  
6 Act”.

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

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

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

18               “(ii) excludes—

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

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

1           “(III) payments to victims of inter-  
2           national terrorism or domestic terrorism,  
3           as those terms are defined in section 2331  
4           of title 18, on account of their status as  
5           victims of such terrorism; and

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



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