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H. R. 5995

To amend title 10, United States Code, to expand eligibility to certain military retirees for concurrent receipt of veterans' disability compensation and retired pay or combat-related special compensation, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 27, 2020

Mr. BILIRAKIS (for himself and Mr. RUIZ) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 "Major Richard Star
5 Act".

1 **SEC. 2. EXPANSIONS OF ELIGIBILITY TO CERTAIN MILI-**
2 **TARY RETIREES FOR CONCURRENT RECEIPT**
3 **OF VETERANS' DISABILITY COMPENSATION**
4 **AND RETIRED PAY OR COMBAT-RELATED**
5 **SPECIAL COMPENSATION.**

6 (a) INCLUSION OF CHAPTER 61 DISABILITY RETIR-
7 EES WITH FEWER THAN 20 YEARS OF SERVICE WHO
8 ARE ELIGIBLE FOR COMBAT-RELATED SPECIAL COM-
9 PENSATION.—Section 1413a(b)(3) of title 10, United
10 States Code, is amended—

11 (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “In” and
12 inserting “Subject to subparagraph (B), in”; and

13 (2) in subparagraph (B), by striking “In the
14 case of” and all that follows and inserting “The re-
15 tired pay of an eligible combat-related disabled uni-
16 formed services retiree, who is retired under chapter
17 61 of this title with fewer than 20 years of cred-
18 itable service, is not subject to reduction under sec-
19 tions 5304 and 5305 of title 38.”.

20 (b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

21 (1) SECTION HEADING.—The heading of section
22 1414 of such title is amended to read as follows:

1 **“§ 1414. Members eligible for retired pay who are also**
2 **eligible for veterans’ disability compensa-**
3 **tion: concurrent receipt”.**

4 (2) TABLE OF SECTIONS.—The item relating to
5 such section 1414 in the table of sections at the be-
6 ginning of chapter 71 of such title is amended to
7 read as follows:

“1414. Members eligible for retired pay who are also eligible for veterans’ dis-
ability compensation: concurrent receipt.”.

8 (3) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS REFLECTING
9 END OF CONCURRENT RECEIPT PHASE-IN PERIOD.—
10 Such section 1414 is further amended—

11 (A) in subsection (a)(1)—

12 (i) by striking the second sentence;

13 and

14 (ii) by striking subparagraphs (A) and

15 (B);

16 (B) by striking subsection (e) and redesign-

17 ating subsections (d) and (e) as subsections

18 (c) and (d), respectively; and

19 (C) in subsection (d), as redesignated, by

20 striking paragraphs (3) and (4).

21 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by

22 this section shall take effect on the first day of the first

23 month beginning after the date of the enactment of this

- 1 Act and shall apply to payments for months beginning on
- 2 or after that date.

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