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2D SESSION

H. R. 6957

To direct the Secretaries of Defense and Veterans Affairs to treat a period of full-time National Guard duty, performed in response to the national emergency declared on March 13, 2020, by the President with respect to COVID–19, as not shorter than 90 days.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 22, 2020

Mr. PANETTA (for himself, Ms. SHERRILL, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. CONNOLLY, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. LAMB, Mr. SUOZZI, Ms. TITUS, Ms. NORTON, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. COX of California, Mr. FOSTER, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. NADLER, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. COSTA, Mr. PAPPAS, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. CORREA, Ms. SEWELL of Alabama, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Mr. BROWN of Maryland, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, Mr. PETERS, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Mr. CROW, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. KILMER, Mr. DEFazio, Mr. SCHNEIDER, Mr. COHEN, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. CISNEROS, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Ms. CRAIG, Mr. MEEKS, and Mr. VELA) 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 “National Guard
5 COVID–19 Earned Benefits Guarantee Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. TREATMENT OF A PERIOD OF FULL-TIME NATIONAL**
7 **GUARD DUTY, PERFORMED IN RESPONSE TO**
8 **THE COVID–19 NATIONAL EMERGENCY, AS**
9 **NOT SHORTER THAN 90 DAYS.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretaries of Defense and
11 Veterans Affairs shall treat a period of covered duty as
12 a period not shorter than 90 days.

13 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

14 (1) The term “covered duty” means full-time
15 National Guard duty performed—

16 (A) by an individual other than a member
17 of Congress; and

18 (B) in response to the covered national
19 emergency.

20 (2) The term “covered national emergency”
21 means the national emergency declared on March
22 13, 2020, by the President under the National
23 Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.) with re-
24 spect to COVID–19.

1 (3) The term “full-time National Guard duty”
2 has the meaning given that term in section 101 of
3 title 10, United States Code.

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