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H. R. 6967

To require the Secretary of Defense to provide to certain members of the National Guard serving on active service in response to the coronavirus (COVID–19) the transitional health benefits provided to members of the reserve components separating from active duty.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 22, 2020

Mr. CUNNINGHAM (for himself, Mr. PALAZZO, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. DEFazio, Mr. RYAN, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. KIM, and Mr. COHEN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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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. TRANSITIONAL HEALTH BENEFITS FOR CER-**
2 **TAIN MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL GUARD**
3 **SERVING UNDER ORDERS IN RESPONSE TO**
4 **THE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19).**

5 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of Defense shall
6 provide to a member of the National Guard separating
7 from active service after serving on full-time National
8 Guard duty pursuant to section 502(f) of title 32, United
9 States Code, the health benefits authorized under section
10 1145 of title 10, United States Code, for a member of
11 a reserve component separating from active duty, as re-
12 ferred to in subsection (a)(2)(B) of such section 1145, if
13 the active service from which the member of the National
14 Guard is separating was in support of the whole of govern-
15 ment response to the coronavirus (COVID-19).

16 (b) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section, the terms “active
17 duty”, “active service”, and “full-time National Guard
18 duty” have the meanings given those terms in section
19 101(d) of title 10, United States Code.

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