

118TH CONGRESS  
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# S. 1556

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 11, 2023

Mr. MURPHY (for himself and Mr. BLUMENTHAL) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Seaman Xavier Sandor  
5 Support for Sailors Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ALLOWANCES AND RESOURCES FOR MEMBERS OF**  
2 **UNIFORMED SERVICES ASSIGNED TO CER-**  
3 **TAIN NAVAL VESSELS.**

4 (a) BASIC ALLOWANCE FOR HOUSING FOR MEMBERS  
5 ASSIGNED TO VESSELS UNDERGOING MAINTENANCE.—  
6 Section 403(f)(2) of title 37, United States Code, is  
7 amended—

8 (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “subpara-  
9 graphs (B) and (C)” and inserting “subparagraphs  
10 (B), (C), and (D)”; and

11 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
12 paragraph:

13 “(D)(i) Under regulations prescribed by the Sec-  
14 retary concerned, the Secretary may authorize the pay-  
15 ment of a basic allowance for housing to a member of a  
16 uniformed service without dependents who is serving in  
17 any of pay grades E-1 through E-5 and has orders to  
18 a naval vessel that is undergoing maintenance.

19 “(ii) In prescribing regulations under clause (i), the  
20 Secretary concerned shall—

21 “(I) specify the types of vessel maintenance and  
22 the duration of that maintenance required for a  
23 member described in clause (i) to be eligible for a  
24 basic allowance for housing under that clause; and

1           “(II) consider the availability of quarters for  
2           such members before authorizing the payment of a  
3           basic allowance for housing for such members.

4           “(iii) The Secretary concerned shall terminate the  
5           provision of a basic allowance for housing to a member  
6           described in clause (i) upon the completion of the vessel  
7           maintenance described in that clause.”.

8           (b) INCREASE IN NUMBER OF NAVY DEPLOYED RE-  
9           SILIENCY COUNSELORS.—Section 9903(e) of title 5,  
10          United States Code, is amended—

11           (1) by striking “The number” and inserting  
12           “(1) Except as provided by paragraph (2), the num-  
13           ber”; and

14           (2) by adding at the end the following new  
15           paragraph:

16           “(2) Without regard to the limitation under para-  
17           graph (1), the Secretary may appoint and retain under  
18           subsection (b)(1) two licensed clinicians to serve as Navy  
19           deployed resiliency counselors for each nuclear-powered  
20           aircraft carrier (CVN) or large deck amphibious ship/land-  
21           ing helicopter assault ship (LHD/LHA) in the Naval Ves-  
22           sel Register.”.

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