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H. R. 4452

To amend title 10, United States Code, to extend eligibility for certain special compensation to certain retired survivors of military sexual trauma.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 16, 2021

Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN (for herself, Ms. MACE, Ms. JACOBS of California, and Ms. ROSS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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 “Military Sexual Trau-
5 ma Retirement Equity Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR CERTAIN SPECIAL**
2 **COMPENSATION TO CERTAIN RETIRED SUR-**
3 **VIVORS OF MILITARY SEXUAL TRAUMA.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1413a of title 10, United
5 States Code, is amended—

6 (1) by striking “combat-related” each place it
7 appears and inserting “trauma-related”;

8 (2) in subsection (d)—

9 (A) by inserting “(1)” before “The Sec-
10 retary”;

11 (B) by inserting “under paragraph (1) or
12 (2) of subsection (e)” before the period at the
13 end of the first sentence; and

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

16 “(2) The Secretary of Defense shall treat a disabled
17 uniformed services retiree with a trauma-related disability,
18 determined by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs under
19 paragraph (3) of subsection (e), as an eligible trauma-re-
20 lated disabled uniformed services retiree.”;

21 (3) in subsection (e)—

22 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “; or”
23 and inserting a semicolon;

24 (B) in paragraph (2)(D), by striking the
25 period at the end and inserting “; or”; and

1 (C) by adding at the end the following new
2 paragraph:

3 “(3) the Secretary of Veterans Affairs has de-
4 termined was the result of military sexual trauma.”;
5 and

6 (4) in subsection (i), by striking paragraph (1)
7 and inserting following new paragraph:

8 “(1) The term ‘military sexual trauma’ has the
9 meaning given such term in section 1166 of title
10 38.”.

11 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—

12 (1) HEADINGS.—Such section is amended—

13 (A) in the heading by striking “**Combat-**
14 **related**” and inserting “**Trauma-related**”;
15 and

16 (B) in the heading of subsection (e) by
17 striking “COMBAT-RELATED” and inserting
18 “TRAUMA-RELATED”.

19 (2) TABLE OF SECTIONS.—The table of sections
20 at the beginning of chapter 71 of such title is
21 amended by striking the item relating to section
22 1413a and inserting the following:

“1413a. Trauma-related special compensation.”.

23 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Such title is
24 amended—

25 (1) in section 1414(d)—

1 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “combat-
2 related” and inserting “trauma-related”; and

3 (B) in the heading, by striking “COMBAT-
4 RELATED” and inserting “TRAUMA-RELATED”;
5 (2) in section 1449(b)(2)—

6 (A) by striking “combat-related” and in-
7 serting “trauma-related”; and

8 (B) in the heading, by striking “CRSC”
9 and inserting “TRSC”;
10 (3) in section 1450(e)—

11 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “combat-
12 related” and inserting “trauma-related”; and

13 (B) in the heading, by striking “CRSC”
14 and inserting “TRSC”; and
15 (4) in section 1452—

16 (A) by striking “combat-related” each
17 place it appears and inserting “trauma-re-
18 lated”;

19 (B) in subsection (d)(2), in the heading, by
20 striking “COMBAT-RELATED” and inserting
21 “TRAUMA-RELATED”; and

22 (C) in subsection (g)(4), in the heading, by
23 striking “CRSC” and inserting “TRSC”.

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