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2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 5351

To amend title 10, United States Code, to authorize military recreational facilities to be used by any veteran with a compensable service-connected disability.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 2, 2000

Mr. FILNER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Armed Services

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## 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. USE OF MILITARY RECREATIONAL FACILITIES**

4 **BY VETERANS WITH COMPENSABLE SERVICE-**  
5 **CONNECTED DISABILITIES.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—(1) Chapter 54 of title 10, United  
7 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
8 lowing new section:

1 **“§ 1066. Morale, welfare, and recreation facilities: use**  
 2 **by veterans with compensable service-**  
 3 **connected disabilities**

4 “(a) DISABLED VETERANS.—A person who is a vet-  
 5 eran with a compensable service-connected disability (as  
 6 determined by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs) shall be  
 7 permitted to use MWR recreation facilities on the same  
 8 basis as members entitled to retired pay.

9 “(b) DEPENDENTS.—Dependents of a person who is  
 10 permitted under subsection (a) to use MWR recreation fa-  
 11 cilities shall be permitted to use such facilities on the same  
 12 basis as dependents of members entitled to retired pay.

13 “(c) MWR RECREATION FACILITIES DEFINED.—In  
 14 this section, the term ‘MWR recreation facilities’ means  
 15 recreation facilities operated by nonappropriated fund ac-  
 16 tivities of the Department of Defense for the morale, wel-  
 17 fare, and recreation of members of the armed forces. Such  
 18 term does not include exchange stores and other revenue-  
 19 generating facilities operated by those activities.”.

20 (2) The table of sections at the beginning of such  
 21 chapter is amended by adding at the end the following  
 22 new item:

“1066. Morale, welfare, and recreation retail facilities: use by veterans with  
 compensable service-connected disabilities.”.

23 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Section 1066 of title 10,  
 24 United States Code, as added by subsection (a), shall ef-

1   fect at the end of the 180-day period beginning on the  
2   date of the enactment of this Act.

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