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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 3, 2007

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa 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 “Fair Pay for America’s
5 Troops Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. ACTIVATION OF HIGH-DEPLOYMENT ALLOWANCE**
7 **FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES AND**
8 **EXPANSION OF ALLOWANCE TO COVER DE-**
9 **PLOYMENTS IN EXCESS OF ROTATION FRE-**
10 **QUENCIES.**

11 (a) TERMINATION OF NATIONAL SECURITY WAIV-
12 ER.—Subsection (f) of section 436 of title 37, United
13 States Code, is amended to read as follows:

14 “(f) INAPPLICABILITY OF NATIONAL SECURITY
15 WAIVER.—The fact that the applicability of section 991
16 of title 10 to a member is suspended under subsection (d)
17 of that section may not be used to deny the payment of
18 a high-deployment allowance to the member if the member
19 otherwise satisfies the eligibility requirements of sub-
20 section (a).”.

21 (b) REMOVAL OF DISCRETION REGARDING RATE OF
22 ALLOWANCE.—Subsection (c) of such section is amended
23 by striking “determined by the Secretary concerned, not
24 to exceed \$1,000 per month” and inserting “equal to
25 \$1,000 per month”.

1 (c) REPEAL OF AUTHORITY TO EXCLUDE CERTAIN
2 DUTY ASSIGNMENTS.—Such section is further amended—

3 (1) by striking subsection (g); and

4 (2) by redesignating subsection (h) as sub-
5 section (g).

6 (d) VIOLATION OF ROTATION FREQUENCIES.—Sub-
7 section (a)(2) of such section is amended—

8 (1) by striking “or” at the end of subparagraph
9 (B);

10 (2) in subparagraph (C)—

11 (A) by striking “or” at the end of clause
12 (i);

13 (B) by striking the period at the end of
14 clause (ii) and inserting “; or”; and

15 (C) by adding at the end the following new
16 clause:

17 “(iii) under a call or order to active
18 duty for a period of more than 30 days
19 that results in the member serving on ac-
20 tive duty in excess of the rotation fre-
21 quency for reserve component members of
22 one year mobilized to five years demobi-
23 lized; or”; and

24 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-
25 paragraph:

1 “(D) in the case of a member of a regular
2 component, is otherwise deployed in excess of
3 the rotation frequency for regular component
4 members of one year deployed to two years as-
5 signed to duty at the permanent duty station of
6 the member.”.

7 (e) RETROACTIVE APPLICATION.—

8 (1) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Except as provided in
9 paragraph (2), the amendments made by this section
10 shall take effect on the first day of the first month
11 beginning more than 20 days after the date of the
12 enactment of this Act. Service performed by mem-
13 bers of the Armed Forces before the effective date
14 shall be counted for purposes of determining the eli-
15 gibility of members for the high-deployment allow-
16 ance under section 436 of title 37, United States
17 Code, as amended by this section, on and after that
18 date.

19 (2) RETROACTIVE APPLICATION.—On the basis
20 of the information maintained pursuant to section
21 991 of title 10, United States Code, regarding mem-
22 bers of the Armed Forces deployed since September
23 11, 2001, the Secretary of each military department
24 shall pay a high-deployment allowance under section
25 436 of title 37, United States Code, as amended by

1 this section, to each member of the Armed Forces
2 for each month since that date through the effective
3 date specified in paragraph (1) during which the
4 member satisfied the eligibility requirements for the
5 allowance under subsection (a) of such section 436.
6 In the case of a member who is deceased as of the
7 effective date specified in paragraph (1), the high-
8 deployment allowance shall be paid to the next-of-kin
9 of the member.

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