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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. STUPAK introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure and Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Combat Bonus Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ONE-TIME BONUS FOR SERVICE IN COMBAT ZONE**
2 **DESIGNATED FOR OPERATION IRAQI FREE-**
3 **DOM OR OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM.**

4 (a) **MILITARY SERVICES.**—The Secretary of Defense
5 shall pay a one-time bonus of \$1,500 to each member of
6 the Army, Navy, Air Force, or Marine Corps, including
7 reserve components thereof, who—

8 (1) except as provided in subsection (d), serves
9 for not less than 90 days on or after October 7,
10 2001, in a combat zone designated in connection
11 with Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation Endur-
12 ing Freedom; and

13 (2) if discharged or released from such duty,
14 has been discharged or released under conditions
15 other than dishonorable.

16 (b) **COAST GUARD.**—The Secretary of Homeland Se-
17 curity shall pay a one-time bonus of \$1,500 to each mem-
18 ber of the Coast Guard or Coast Guard Reserve who—

19 (1) except as provided in subsection (d), serves
20 for not less than 90 days on or after October 7,
21 2001, in a combat zone designated in connection
22 with Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation Endur-
23 ing Freedom; and

24 (2) if discharged or released from such duty,
25 has been discharged or released under conditions
26 other than dishonorable.

1 (c) **MERCHANT MARINES.**—The Secretary of Defense
2 shall pay a one-time bonus of \$1,500 to each individual
3 who—

4 (1) performs services for the Armed Forces as
5 a crew member of a vessel that is under contract or
6 charter to, or property of, the Federal Government;
7 and

8 (2) except as provided in subsection (d), per-
9 forms such services for not less than 90 days on or
10 after October 7, 2001, in a combat zone designated
11 in connection with Operation Iraqi Freedom or Op-
12 eration Enduring Freedom.

13 (d) **KILLED AND WOUNDED.**—For the purposes of
14 subsections (a)(1), (b)(1), and (c)(2), an individual who
15 serves or performs services, as applicable, for less than
16 90 days in a combat zone designated in connection with
17 Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation Enduring Freedom
18 is eligible for the bonus if—

19 (1) the individual dies of injuries incurred in
20 connection with such service; or

21 (2) the individual is evacuated from the theater
22 of combat due to an injury incurred in connection
23 with such service.

1 (e) TAX FREE STATUS.—For the purposes of the In-
2 ternal Revenue Code of 1986, gross income does not in-
3 clude a bonus made under this section.

4 (f) PAYMENT OF BONUS.—The Secretary of Defense
5 or Secretary of Homeland Security shall pay the bonus
6 under this section not later than 60 days after the indi-
7 vidual has become entitled to it.

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