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S. 3407

To amend title 10, United States Code, to authorize commanders of wounded warrior battalions to accept charitable gifts on behalf of the wounded members of the Armed Forces assigned to such battalions.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 31, 2008

Mr. BURR (for himself, Mr. WICKER, Mr. ALEXANDER, and Mr. INHOFE) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. ACCEPTANCE BY COMMANDERS OF WOUNDED**
2 **WARRIOR BATTALIONS OF CHARITABLE**
3 **GIFTS ON BEHALF OF WOUNDED MEMBERS**
4 **OF THE ARMED FORCES ASSIGNED TO SUCH**
5 **BATTALIONS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2601(b) of title 10,
7 United States Code, is amended—

8 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (2) and (3) as
9 paragraphs (3) and (4), respectively; and

10 (2) by inserting after paragraph (1) the fol-
11 lowing new paragraph (2):

12 “(2)(A) Under regulations prescribed by the Sec-
13 retary of Defense, the commander in grade O–5 or higher
14 of a unit comprised exclusively of members of the armed
15 forces described in paragraph (1)(B) (as determined with-
16 out taking into account members of such unit performing
17 command or administrative duties with respect to such
18 unit) may accept, hold, administer, and spend gifts, de-
19 vise, or bequests of personal property, money, or services
20 for the benefit of the members of the armed forces de-
21 scribed in paragraph (1)(B) which comprise such unit.

22 “(B)(i) Except as provided in clause (ii), the amount
23 of any gift, devise, or bequest accepted by the commander
24 of a unit under subparagraph (A) may not exceed
25 \$100,000.

1 “(ii) The amount a gift, devise, or bequest accepted
2 by the commander of a unit under subparagraph (A) may
3 exceed \$100,000 under such circumstances, if any, as the
4 Secretary of Defense may specify in the regulations pre-
5 scribed under this paragraph.”.

6 (b) REPORT ON UTILIZATION OF AUTHORITIES.—
7 Not later than 18 months after the date of the enactment
8 of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to Con-
9 gress a report on the utilization of the authorities provided
10 in paragraph (2) of section 2601(b) of title 10, United
11 States Code (as amended by subsection (a)). The report
12 shall include the following:

13 (1) A description of the authorities in para-
14 graph (2) of section 2601(b) of title 10, United
15 States Code (as so amended), including a description
16 of any limitations on such authorities under the reg-
17 ulations required by that paragraph.

18 (2) A description of the gifts, devises, and be-
19 quests accepted under such authorities, and of the
20 administration and use of any gifts, devises, and be-
21 quests so accepted.

22 (3) An assessment of the utility of such au-
23 thorities in assisting commanders of wounded war-
24 rior battalions in carrying out the mission of such

- 1 battalions with respect to members of the Armed
- 2 Forces assigned to such battalions.

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