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# H. R. 1082

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

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 17, 2023

Mrs. GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN (for herself, Ms. ROSS, and Ms. WEXTON) 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Military Sexual Trau-  
5 ma Retirement Equity Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR CERTAIN SPECIAL**  
7 **COMPENSATION TO CERTAIN RETIRED SUR-**  
8 **VIVORS OF MILITARY SEXUAL TRAUMA.**

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

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

3 (2) in subsection (d)—

4 (A) by inserting “(1)” before “The Sec-  
5 retary”;

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

9 (C) by adding at the end the following new  
10 paragraph:

11 “(2) The Secretary of Defense shall treat a disabled  
12 uniformed services retiree with a trauma-related disability,  
13 determined by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs under  
14 paragraph (3) of subsection (e), as an eligible trauma-re-  
15 lated disabled uniformed services retiree.”;

16 (3) in subsection (e)—

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

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

21 (C) by adding at the end the following new  
22 paragraph:

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

25 and

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

3 “(1) The term ‘military sexual trauma’ has the  
4 meaning given such term in section 1166 of title  
5 38.”.

6 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—

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

8 (A) in the heading by striking “**Combat-**  
9 **related**” and inserting “**Trauma-related**”;  
10 and

11 (B) in the heading of subsection (e) by  
12 striking “COMBAT-RELATED” and inserting  
13 “TRAUMA-RELATED”.

14 (2) TABLE OF SECTIONS.—The table of sections  
15 at the beginning of chapter 71 of such title is  
16 amended by striking the item relating to section  
17 1413a and inserting the following:

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

18 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Such title is  
19 amended—

20 (1) in section 1414(d)—

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

23 (B) in the heading, by striking “COMBAT-  
24 RELATED” and inserting “TRAUMA-RELATED”;

25 (2) in section 1449(b)(2)—

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

3 (B) in the heading, by striking “CRSC”  
4 and inserting “TRSC”;

5 (3) in section 1450(e)—

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

8 (B) in the heading, by striking “CRSC”  
9 and inserting “TRSC”; and

10 (4) in section 1452—

11 (A) by striking “combat-related” each  
12 place it appears and inserting “trauma-re-  
13 lated”;

14 (B) in subsection (d)(2), in the heading, by  
15 striking “COMBAT-RELATED” and inserting  
16 “TRAUMA-RELATED”; and

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

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