

115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1168

To provide that service of the members of the organization known as the United States Cadet Nurse Corps during World War II constituted active military service for purposes of laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 16, 2017

Mrs. LOWEY (for herself, Mr. LANCE, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Ms. DELAURO, Mrs. DINGELL, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Ms. HANABUSA, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. BORDALLO, Mr. KEATING, and Mr. POLIS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “United States Cadet
3 Nurse Corps Equity Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. SERVICE DEEMED TO BE ACTIVE MILITARY SERV-**
5 **ICE.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of section
7 401(a)(1)(A) of the GI Bill Improvement Act of 1977 (38
8 U.S.C. 106 note), the Secretary of Defense is deemed to
9 have determined that qualified service of a person con-
10 stituted active military service.

11 (b) DETERMINATION OF DISCHARGE STATUS.—The
12 Secretary of Defense shall issue an honorable discharge
13 under section 401(a)(1)(B) of the GI Bill Improvement
14 Act of 1977 to each person whose qualified service war-
15 rants an honorable discharge. Such discharge shall be
16 issued before the end of the one-year period beginning on
17 the date of the enactment of this Act.

18 **SEC. 3. PROHIBITION OF RETROACTIVE BENEFITS.**

19 No benefits may be paid to any person as a result
20 of the enactment of this Act for any period before the date
21 of the enactment of this Act.

22 **SEC. 4. DEFINITION.**

23 In this Act, the term “qualified service” means serv-
24 ice of a person as a member of the organization known
25 as the United States Cadet Nurse Corps during the period

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1 beginning on July 1, 1943, and ending on December 31,
2 1948.

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