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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 8, 2019

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, 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

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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 "Disabled Veterans Tax3 Termination Act".

4 SEC. 2. CONCURRENT RECEIPT OF BOTH RETIRED PAY AND 5 VETERANS' DISABILITY COMPENSATION FOR 6 MILITARY RETIREES WITH COMPENSABLE 7 SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITIES.

8 (a) INCLUSION OF RETIREES WITH SERVICE-CON9 NECTED DISABILITIES RATED LESS THAN 50 PER10 CENT.—Section 1414(a) of title 10, United States Code,
11 is amended—

(1) by striking "COMPENSATION" in the subsection heading and all that follows through "Subject" and inserting "COMPENSATION.—Subject";

15 (2) by striking "qualifying service-connected
16 disability" and inserting "service-connected dis17 ability"; and

18 (3) by striking paragraph (2).

19 (b) INCLUSION OF DISABILITY RETIREES WITH
20 LESS THAN 20 YEARS OF SERVICE.—Section 1414(b) of
21 title 10, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1), by striking "member retired" and inserting "qualified retiree who is retired"; and

(2) by striking paragraph (2) and inserting thefollowing new paragraph:

1 "(2) DISABILITY RETIREES WITH LESS THAN 20 2 YEARS OF SERVICE.—The retired pay of a qualified 3 retiree who is retired under chapter 61 of this title 4 with fewer than 20 years of creditable service is sub-5 ject to reduction under sections 5304 and 5305 of 6 title 38, but only by the amount (if any) by which 7 the amount of the member's retired pay under such 8 chapter exceeds the amount equal to $2\frac{1}{2}$ percent of 9 the member's years of creditable service multiplied 10 by the member's retired pay base under section 11 1406(b)(1) or 1407 of this title, whichever is appli-12 cable to the member.".

13 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS REFLECTING END
14 OF CONCURRENT RECEIPT PHASE-IN PERIOD.—Section
15 1414 of title 10, United States Code, is further amend16 ed—

17 (1) in subsection (a), as amended by subsection18 (a) of this section, by striking the final sentence;

19 (2) by striking subsection (c) and redesignating
20 subsections (d) and (e) as subsections (c) and (d),
21 respectively; and

(3) in subsection (d), as so redesignated, by
striking paragraphs (3) and (4).

24 (d) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—

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1	(1) Section heading.—The heading for sec-
2	tion 1414 of title 10, United States Code, is amend-
3	ed to read as follows:
4	"§1414. Members eligible for retired pay who are also
5	eligible for veterans' disability compensa-
6	tion: concurrent payment of retired pay
7	and disability compensation".
8	(2) TABLE OF SECTIONS.—The item relating to
9	such section in the table of sections at the beginning
10	of chapter 71 of title 10, United States Code, is
11	amended to read as follows:
	"1414. Members eligible for retired pay who are also eligible for veterans' dis- ability compensation: concurrent payment of retired pay and disability compensation.".
12	(e) Conforming Amendment Reflecting Sub-
13	SECTION REDESIGNATION.—Section 1413a(f) of title 10,
14	United States Code, is amended by striking "Subsection
15	(d)" and inserting "Subsection (c)".
16	(f) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
17	this section shall take effect on the first day of the first
18	month beginning after the date of the enactment of this
19	Act and shall apply to payments for months beginning on
20	or after that date.
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