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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RAHALL introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the ''Guard and Reserve Equal Access to Health Act''.

SEC. 2. PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS FOR MEMBERS OF A RESERVE COMPONENT WHO ARE SEPARATING FROM THE ARMED FORCES.

Section 1145 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

"(f) PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS FOR MEMBERS OF A RESERVE COMPONENT.—(1) The Secretary concerned shall provide a physical examination pursuant to subsection (a)(5) to each member of a reserve component who—

"(A) will not otherwise receive such an examination under such subsection; and

"(B) elects to receive such a physical examination.

"(2) The Secretary concerned shall—

"(A) provide the physical examination under paragraph (1) to a member during the 90-day period before the date on which the member is scheduled to be separated from the armed forces; and

"(B) issue orders to such a member to receive such physical examination.

"(3) A member may not be entitled to health care benefits pursuant to subsection (a), (b), or (c) solely by reason of being provided a physical examination under paragraph (1).

"(4) In providing to a member a physical examination under paragraph (1), the Secretary concerned shall provide to the member a record of the physical examination.".

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