

111TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 593

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 15, 2009

Mr. SMITH of Washington (for himself, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. SHEA-PORTER, Mr. ELLISON, Mr. WALZ, Mr. MITCHELL, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Ms. EDWARDS of Maryland, Mr. PETERSON, Mr. ROHRABACHER, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. COURTNEY, Mr. GORDON of Tennessee, Mr. ROSS, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. NYE, Mr. HALL of New York, Mr. KAGEN, Mr. MICHAUD, Ms. TSONGAS, and Mr. YOUNG of Alaska) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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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. CONCURRENT RECEIPT OF DISABILITY SEVER-**
2 **ANCE PAY FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF DE-**
3 **FENSE AND COMPENSATION FOR THE SAME**
4 **DISABILITY UNDER LAWS ADMINISTERED BY**
5 **THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

6 (a) NO DEDUCTION.—Section 1212(d)(2) of title 10,
7 United States Code, is amended by striking “disability in-
8 curred in line of duty in a combat zone or incurred during
9 performance of duty in combat-related operations as des-
10 ignated by the Secretary of Defense.” and inserting “com-
11 bat-related disability (as defined in section 1413a of this
12 title).”.

13 (b) RETROACTIVE APPLICATION OF AMENDMENT.—
14 The amendment made by subsection (a) shall take effect
15 as of January 28, 2008, as if included in section 1646
16 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
17 2008 (Public Law 110–181; 122 Stat. 472), as enacted.

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