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AN ACT

To provide that the enlistment contracts or periods of obligated service of members of the Armed Forces shall not terminate by reason of appointment as cadets or midshipmen at the Military, Naval, Air Force, or Coast Guard Academies, or as midshipmen in the Naval Reserve, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the enlistment contract or period of obligated service of a Regular, Reserve, or inducted member of any of the Armed Forces, who hereafter accept an appointment as a cadet at the United States Military Academy or the United States Air Force Academy, or an appointment as a midshipman at the United States Naval Academy or an appointment as a midshipman in the Naval Reserve or an appointment as a cadet at the United States Coast Guard Academy, shall not be terminated by reason of acceptance of such appointment, during the continuation of the cadet or midshipman status of such member. A member so appointed from enlisted status shall be entitled only to the pay and allowances, compensation, pensions or benefits provided by law for a cadet at the United States Military Academy or the United States Air Force Academy, a midshipman at the United States Naval Academy, a cadet of the United States Coast Guard Academy, or the compensation and emoluments accruing to such reserve midshipman by virtue of his status in the Naval Reserve.

SEC. 2. A person who hereafter accepts an appointment as a cadet at the United States Military Academy or the United States Air Force Academy, or as a midshipman at the United States Naval Academy, or as a midshipman in the Naval Reserve or as a cadet at the United States Coast Guard Academy, while having a period of obligated service as an enlisted member of any of the Armed Forces or while serving under an enlistment contract, and who thereafter is separated from the United States Military Academy, from the United States Air Force Academy, from the United States Naval Academy or from a reserve midshipman training program, or from the United States Coast Guard Academy, for reasons other than the acceptance of a commission in the regular or reserve components of one of the Armed Forces, or for physical disability, shall have his appointment as a cadet or midshipman terminated, and his enlisted status shall thereupon be resumed. A person so reverted to his former enlisted status shall be continued in such enlisted status for the remainder of his obligated service or until sooner promoted or discharged. In computing the unexpired portion of an enlistment contract or period of obligated service, for purposes of this Act, time served as a cadet or midshipman shall be counted as time served under such contract or period of obligated service.

SEC. 3. A person whose enlistment contract or period of obligated service is continued pursuant to this Act, shall not, while a cadet or midshipman, be a charge against the allowed number of personnel in the armed force in which he was enlisted or inducted.

SEC. 4. The period of time served under an enlistment contract or period of obligated service while also serving as a cadet or midshipman under an appointment made after the date of enactment of this Act shall not be counted in computing for any purpose the length of service of any officer of an armed force.

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