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# H. R. 2704

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 25, 2017

Mr. LIPINSKI (for himself, Mr. JONES, Mr. WALZ, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Ms. SINEMA, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Mr. KIND, Mr. MOONEY of West Virginia, and Mr. LYNCH) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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## 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Purple Heart Heroes  
5 Act of 2017”.

1 **SEC. 2. COMMISSARY AND EXCHANGE STORE PRIVILEGES**  
2 **FOR CERTAIN VETERANS WHO HAVE BEEN**  
3 **AWARDED THE PURPLE HEART AND THEIR**  
4 **DEPENDENTS.**

5 (a) EXTENSION OF PRIVILEGES.—Chapter 54 of title  
6 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end  
7 the following new section:

8 **“§ 1065. Use of commissary and MWR retail facilities:**  
9 **Purple Heart veterans and their depend-**  
10 **ents**

11 “(a) ELIGIBILITY OF PURPLE HEART VETERANS.—  
12 A Purple Heart veteran shall be permitted to use com-  
13 missary stores and MWR retail facilities on the same basis  
14 as a member of the armed forces entitled to retired or  
15 retainer pay.

16 “(b) ELIGIBILITY OF DEPENDENTS.—A dependent of  
17 a Purple Heart veteran shall be permitted to use com-  
18 missary and MWR retail facilities on the same basis as  
19 a dependent of a member of the armed forces entitled to  
20 retired or retainer pay.

21 “(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

22 “(1) The term ‘MWR retail facilities’ has the  
23 meaning given that term in section 1063(e) of this  
24 title.

25 “(2) The term ‘Purple Heart veteran’ means a  
26 veteran who has a disability that—

1           “(A) is attributable to an injury for which  
2           the veteran was awarded the Purple Heart; and

3           “(B) is compensable under the laws admin-  
4           istered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

5           “(3) The term ‘veteran’ has the meaning given  
6           that term in section 101 of title 38.”.

7           (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
8           at the beginning of chapter 54 of title 10, United States  
9           Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new  
10          item:

          “1065. Use of commissary and MWR retail facilities: Purple Heart veterans and  
          their dependents.”.

11          (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Section 1065 of title 10,  
12          United States Code, as added by subsection (a), shall take  
13          effect at the end of the 90-day period beginning on the  
14          date of the enactment of this Act.

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