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H. R. 4628

To amend title 10, United States Code, to authorize additional leave for members of the Armed Forces in connection with the birth of a child.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 9, 2014

Ms. DUCKWORTH (for herself, Ms. BORDALLO, Mrs. NOEM, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Ms. SPEIER, Mr. RICHMOND, Ms. MATSUI, Mr. CONYERS, Mrs. NEGRETE MCLEOD, Ms. KUSTER, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts, Ms. TSONGAS, Mr. HONDA, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. NUGENT, Ms. FRANKEL of Florida, Ms. BROWNLEY of California, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Ms. DELBENE, Mrs. MILLER of Michigan, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. DESJARLAIS, Mr. PRICE of Georgia, Mr. FARENTHOLD, Mrs. BLACK, Mrs. LUMMIS, Mr. HARRIS, Mr. VEASEY, Ms. SHEA-PORTER, Mr. FLEISCHMANN, Mr. BARBER, Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico, Mr. POLIS, Ms. HANABUSA, Ms. BASS, Mr. RUIZ, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. MEADOWS, Mr. WESTMORELAND, Mr. SCHOCK, Mr. DUNCAN of South Carolina, Mr. SOUTHERLAND, Mr. HUIZENGA of Michigan, Mr. PEARCE, Ms. HAHN, Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. GINGREY of Georgia, Mr. BUCSHON, Mr. VARGAS, Ms. TITUS, Mrs. KIRKPATRICK, and Mr. COFFMAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Military Opportunities
3 for Mothers Act” or the “MOM Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. AVAILABILITY OF ADDITIONAL LEAVE FOR MEM-**
5 **BERS OF THE ARMED FORCES IN CONNEC-**
6 **TION WITH THE BIRTH OF A CHILD.**

7 Section 701(j) of title 10, United States Code, is
8 amended—

9 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (1) and (2) as
10 paragraphs (2) and (3), respectively;

11 (2) by inserting after “(j)” the following new
12 paragraph (1):

13 “(1) Under regulations prescribed by the Secretary
14 concerned, a member of the armed forces who gives birth
15 to a child shall receive 42 days of convalescent leave to
16 be used in connection with the birth of the child. At the
17 discretion of the member, the member shall be allowed up
18 to 42 additional days in a leave of absence status in con-
19 nection with the birth of the child upon the expiration of
20 the convalescent leave, except that—

21 “(A) a member who uses this additional leave
22 is not entitled to basic pay for any day on which
23 such additional leave is used, but shall be considered
24 to be on active duty for all other purposes; and

25 “(B) the commanding officer of the member
26 may recall the member to duty from such leave of

1 absence status when necessary to maintain unit
2 readiness.”; and

3 (3) in paragraph (3), as redesignated, by strik-
4 ing “paragraph (1)” and inserting “paragraphs (1)
5 and (2)”.

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