

113TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 604

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 8, 2013

Ms. PINGREE of Maine introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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 “Chris Kotch VA Edu-
5 cation Access Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ELIGIBILITY FOR POST-9/11 EDUCATIONAL ASSIST-**
2 **ANCE PROGRAM OF CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS**
3 **WITH SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITIES**
4 **WHO TRANSFER TO RESERVE COMPONENTS**
5 **BEFORE DISCHARGE FROM THE ARMED**
6 **FORCES.**

7 (a) **ELIGIBILITY.**—Section 3311(b)(2)(B) of title 38,
8 United States Code, is amended by striking “is discharged
9 or released from active duty in the Armed Forces” and
10 inserting “is discharged or released from the Armed
11 Forces or transferred to the temporary disability retire-
12 ment list”.

13 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by
14 subsection (a) shall take effect as if included in the Post-
15 9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008 (Public
16 Law 110–252).

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