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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 14, 2017

Mrs. ERNST (for herself and Ms. WARREN) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Leadership Recogni-
5 tion Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. RATE OF MILITARY BASIC PAY FOR THE SENIOR EN-**
2 **LISTED ADVISORS TO THE COMMANDERS OF**
3 **THE COMBATANT COMMANDS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Effective for months beginning on
5 or after January 1, 2017, the rate of monthly basic pay
6 for the Senior Enlisted Advisors to the commanders of the
7 combatant commands shall be equivalent to the rate of
8 monthly basic pay for the Senior Enlisted Advisor to the
9 Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

10 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Effective with re-
11 spect to months beginning on or after January 1, 2017,
12 footnote 2 accompanying the enlisted members pay table
13 in section 601(c) of the John Warner National Defense
14 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2007 (Public Law 109–
15 364; 120 Stat. 2245; 37 U.S.C. 1009 note) is amended
16 by striking “or Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Chairman
17 of the Joint Chiefs of Staff” and inserting “Senior En-
18 listed Advisor to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of
19 Staff, or Senior Enlisted Advisor to the commander of a
20 combatant command”.

21 **SEC. 3. REPORT ON INCLUSION OF ADDITIONAL SENIOR**
22 **ENLISTED MEMBERS AMONG ENLISTED MEM-**
23 **BERS ENTITLED TO ELEVATED RATE OF MILI-**
24 **TARY BASIC PAY.**

25 (a) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 180 days
26 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary

1 of Defense shall submit to Congress a report setting forth
2 an assessment of the advisability of including additional
3 senior enlisted members of the Armed Forces among the
4 most senior enlisted members of the Armed Forces who
5 are entitled to an elevated rate of military basic pay by
6 reason of footnote 2 accompanying the enlisted members
7 pay table in section 601(c) of the John Warner National
8 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2007 (Public
9 Law 109–364; 120 Stat. 2245; 37 U.S.C. 1009 note) and
10 related guidance (including the material commonly ap-
11 pearing as footnote 4 accompanying the annual military
12 pay tables published by the Defense Finance and Account-
13 ing Service).

14 (b) MEMBERS OR CATEGORIES OF MEMBERS.—If the
15 Secretary determines that the inclusion of any additional
16 enlisted members or categories of enlisted members as de-
17 scribed in subsection (a) is advisable, the report under
18 that subsection shall specify such additional members or
19 categories of members.

20 **SEC. 4. MODIFICATION OF AUTHORITY OF PRESIDENT TO**
21 **DETERMINE ALTERNATIVE PAY ADJUSTMENT**
22 **IN ANNUAL BASIC PAY OF MEMBERS OF THE**
23 **UNIFORMED SERVICES.**

24 (a) MODIFICATION.—Section 1009(e) of title 37,
25 United States Code, is amended—

1 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “or serious
2 economic conditions affecting the general welfare”;

3 (2) by striking paragraph (2); and

4 (3) by redesignating paragraph (3) as para-
5 graph (2).

6 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
7 subsection (a) shall take effect on the date of the enact-
8 ment of this Act, and—

9 (1) if the date of the enactment of this Act oc-
10 curs before September 1 of a year, shall apply with
11 respect to plans for alternative pay adjustments for
12 any year beginning after such year; and

13 (2) if the date of the enactment of this Act oc-
14 curs after August 31 of a year, shall apply with re-
15 spect to plans for alternative pay adjustments for
16 any year beginning after the year following such
17 year.

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