

Suspend the Rules and Pass the Bill, HR. 4045, with An Amendment

(The amendment strikes all after the enacting clause and inserts a new text)

112TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 4045

To modify the Department of Defense Program Guidance relating to the award of Post-Deployment/Mobilization Respite Absence administrative absence days to members of the reserve components to exempt any member whose qualified mobilization commenced before October 1, 2011, and continued on or after that date, from the changes to the program guidance that took effect on that date.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 15, 2012

Mr. KLINE 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. TREATMENT OF PROGRAM GUIDANCE RELAT-**
4 **ING TO THE AWARD OF POST-DEPLOYMENT/**
5 **MOBILIZATION RESPITE ABSENCE ADMINIS-**
6 **TRATIVE ABSENCE DAYS TO MEMBERS AND**
7 **FORMER MEMBERS OF THE RESERVE COM-**
8 **ONENTS UNDER DOD INSTRUCTION 1327.06.**

9 (a) DISCRETION OF THE SECRETARY OF DE-
10 FENSE.—The Secretary of Defense may determine that
11 the changes made by the Secretary to the Program Guid-
12 ance relating to the award of Post-Deployment/Mobiliza-
13 tion Respite Absence program administrative absence days
14 or other benefits described in subsection (b) to members
15 and former members of the reserve components under
16 DOD Instruction 1327.06 effective as of October 1, 2011,
17 shall not apply to a member of a reserve component, or
18 former member of a reserve component, whose qualified
19 mobilization (as described in such program guidance) com-
20 menced before October 1, 2011, and continued on or after
21 that date until the date the mobilization is terminated.

22 (b) AUTHORIZED BENEFITS.—Under regulations
23 prescribed by the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary con-
24 cerned may provide a member or former member of the

1 Armed Forces described in subsection (a) with one of the
2 following benefits:

3 (1) In the case of an individual who is a former
4 member of the Armed Forces at the time of the pro-
5 vision of benefits under this section, payment of an
6 amount not to exceed \$200 for each day the indi-
7 vidual would have qualified for a day of administra-
8 tive absence had the changes made to the Program
9 Guidance described in subsection (a) not applied to
10 the individual, as authorized by such subsection.

11 (2) In the case of a member of the Armed
12 Forces on active duty at the time of the provision
13 of benefits under this section, either one day of ad-
14 ministrative absence or payment of an amount not
15 to exceed \$200, as selected by the member, for each
16 day the member would have qualified for a day of
17 administrative absence had the changes made to the
18 Program Guidance described in subsection (a) not
19 applied to the member, as authorized by such sub-
20 section.

21 (3) In the case of a member of the Armed
22 Forces serving in the Selected Reserve, Inactive Na-
23 tional Guard, or Individual Ready Reserve at the
24 time of the provision of benefits under this section,
25 either one day of administrative absence to be re-

1 tained for future use or payment of an amount not
2 to exceed \$200, as selected by the member, for each
3 day the member would have qualified for a day of
4 administrative absence had the changes made to the
5 Program Guidance described in subsection (a) not
6 applied to the member, as authorized by such sub-
7 section.

8 (c) EXCLUSION OF CERTAIN FORMER MEMBERS.—

9 An individual who is a former member of the Armed
10 Forces is not eligible under this section for the benefits
11 specified in subsection (b)(1) if the individual was dis-
12 charged or released from the Armed Forces under other
13 than honorable conditions.

14 (d) FORM OF PAYMENT.—The payments authorized
15 by subsection (b) may be paid in a lump sum or install-
16 ments, at the election of the Secretary concerned.

17 (e) RELATION TO OTHER PAY AND LEAVE.—The
18 benefits provided to a member or former member of the
19 Armed Forces under this section are in addition to any
20 other pay, absence, or leave provided by law.

21 (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

22 (1) The term “Post-Deployment/Mobilization
23 Respite Absence program” means the program of
24 the Secretary concerned to provide days of adminis-
25 trative absence not chargeable against available leave

1 to certain deployed or mobilized members of the
2 Armed Forces in order to assist such members in re-
3 integrating into civilian life after deployment or mo-
4 bilization.

5 (2) The term “Secretary concerned” has the
6 meaning given that term in section 101(5) of title
7 37, United States Code.

8 (g) COMMENCEMENT AND DURATION OF AUTHOR-
9 ITY.—

10 (1) COMMENCEMENT.—The authority to pro-
11 vide days of administrative absence under para-
12 graphs (2) and (3) of subsection (b) begins on the
13 date of the enactment of this Act and the authority
14 to make cash payments under such subsection be-
15 gins, subject to subsection (h), on October 1, 2012.

16 (2) EXPIRATION.—The authority to provide
17 benefits under this section expires on October 1,
18 2014.

19 (3) EFFECT OF EXPIRATION.—The expiration
20 date specified in paragraph (2) shall not affect the
21 use, after that date, of any day of administrative ab-
22 sence provided to a member of the Armed Forces
23 under subsection (b) before that date or the pay-
24 ment, after that date, of any payment selected by a

1 member or former member of the Armed Forces
2 under such subsection before that date.

3 (h) CASH PAYMENTS SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY OF
4 APPROPRIATIONS.—No cash payment may be made under
5 subsection (b) unless the funds to be used to make the
6 payments are available pursuant to an appropriations Act
7 enacted after the date of enactment of this Act.

8 (i) FUNDING OFFSET.—The Secretary of Defense
9 shall transfer \$4,000,000 from the unobligated balances
10 of the Pentagon Reservation Maintenance Revolving Fund
11 established under section 2674(e) of title 10, United
12 States Code, to the Miscellaneous Receipts Fund of the
13 United States Treasury.