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110TH CONGRESS  
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**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. MCNERNEY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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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 “Combat Operations  
5 and Medical Benefit Authorization for our Troops Act of  
6 2008” or the “COMBAT Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. INCREASE IN CERTAIN SPECIAL AND INCENTIVES**

8 **PAYS AND INCREASE IN FAMILY SEPARATION**

9 **ALLOWANCE.**

10 (a) DUTY SUBJECT TO HOSTILE FIRE OR IMMINENT  
11 DANGER OR HAZARDOUS DUTY PAY.—

12 (1) HAZARDOUS DUTY PAY.—Section 301 of  
13 title 37, United States Code, is amended—

14 (A) in the tables in subsections (b) and  
15 (c)(2)(A), by increasing each dollar amount by  
16 \$50; and

17 (B) in subsection (c)(1)—

18 (i) by striking “\$150” and inserting  
19 “\$200”; and

20 (ii) by striking “\$225” and inserting  
21 “\$275”.

22 (2) HOSTILE FIRE PAY OR IMMINENT DANGER  
23 PAY.—Section 310(a) of such title is amended by  
24 striking “the rate of \$225” and inserting “the max-

1       imum rate of \$600 (\$350 in the case of duty de-  
2       scribed in paragraph (2)(D))”.

3               (3) CONSOLIDATED HAZARDOUS DUTY PAY AU-  
4       THORITY.—Section 351(b) of such title is amend-  
5       ed—

6               (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “\$450”  
7       and inserting “\$600”;

8               (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “\$250”  
9       and inserting “\$300”; and

10              (C) in paragraph (3), by striking “\$250”  
11       and inserting “\$350”.

12       (b) SPECIAL PAY FOR PSYCHOLOGISTS.—Section  
13       302c of such title is amended—

14              (1) by striking subsection (b) and inserting the  
15       following new subsection:

16       “(b) RATE OF SPECIAL PAY.—The rate of special pay  
17       to which an officer is entitled pursuant to subsection (a)  
18       shall be—

19              “(1) \$4,000 per year, if the officer has less  
20       than 10 years of creditable service;

21              “(2) \$5,000 per year, if the officer has at least  
22       10 but less than 12 years of creditable service;

23              “(3) \$6,000 per year, if the officer has at least  
24       12 but less than 14 years of creditable service;

1           “(4) \$8,000 per year, if the officer has at least  
2           14 but less than 18 years of creditable service; or

3           “(5) \$10,000 per year, if the officer has 18 or  
4           more years of creditable service.”; and

5           (2) in subsection (d)—

6           (A) by redesignating paragraphs (1)  
7           through (4) as subparagraphs (A) through (D),  
8           respectively;

9           (B) by striking “the rates specified in sub-  
10           section (b)” and inserting “the rates specified  
11           in paragraph (2)”;

12           (C) by inserting “(1)” before “The Sec-  
13           retary”; and

14           (D) by adding at the end the following new  
15           paragraph:

16           “(2) The rate of special pay to which an officer is  
17           entitled pursuant to paragraph (1) shall be—

18           “(A) \$2,000 per year, if the officer has less  
19           than 10 years of creditable service;

20           “(B) \$2,500 per year, if the officer has at least  
21           10 but less than 12 years of creditable service;

22           “(C) \$3,000 per year, if the officer has at least  
23           12 but less than 14 years of creditable service;

24           “(D) \$4,000 per year, if the officer has at least  
25           14 but less than 18 years of creditable service; or

1           “(E) \$5,000 per year, if the officer has 18 or  
2           more years of creditable service.”.

3           (c) SPECIAL PAY FOR SERVICE AS MEMBER OF  
4 WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION CIVIL SUPPORT  
5 TEAM.—Section 305b(b) of such title is amended by strik-  
6 ing “\$150” and inserting “\$300”.

7           (d) SPECIAL PAY OR BONUS FOR MEMBERS EX-  
8 TENDING DUTY AT DESIGNATED LOCATIONS OVER-  
9 SEAS.—Section 314(b) of such title is amended—

10           (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “\$80 per  
11           month” and inserting “\$200 per month”; and

12           (2) in paragraph (2), by striking “\$2,000 per  
13           year” and inserting “\$3,000 per year”.

14           (e) SPECIAL PAY FOR SPECIAL WARFARE OFFICERS  
15 EXTENDING PERIOD OF ACTIVE DUTY.—Section 318(d)  
16 of such title is amended by striking “\$15,000 for each  
17 year” and inserting “\$20,000 for each year”.

18           (f) COMBAT-RELATED INJURY REHABILITATION  
19 PAY.—Section 328(d) of such title is amended by striking  
20 “\$430” and inserting “\$600”.

21           (g) FAMILY SEPARATION ALLOWANCE.—Section  
22 427(a) of such title is amended by striking “\$250” and  
23 inserting “\$450”.