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To amend title 10, United States Code, to authorize a voluntary leave sharing program for members of the Armed Forces.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RYUN of Kansas 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. VOLUNTARY LEAVE SHARING PROGRAM FOR**
4 **MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—(1) Chapter 40 of title 10, United
6 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
7 lowing new section:

8 **“§ 709. Voluntary transfers of leave**

9 “(a) PROGRAM.—The Secretary concerned shall, by
10 regulation, establish a program under which leave accrued

1 by a member of an armed force may be transferred to an-
2 other member of the same armed force who requires addi-
3 tional leave because of a qualifying emergency. Any such
4 transfer of leave may be made only upon the voluntary
5 written application of the member whose leave is to be
6 transferred.

7 “(b) APPROVAL OF COMMANDING OFFICER RE-
8 QUIRED.—Any transfer of leave under a program under
9 this section may only be made with the approval of the
10 commanding officer of the leave donor and the leave re-
11 cipient.

12 “(c) QUALIFYING EMERGENCY.—In this section, the
13 term ‘qualifying emergency’, with respect to a member of
14 the armed forces, means a circumstance that—

15 “(1) is likely to require the prolonged absence
16 of the member from duty; and

17 “(2) is due to—

18 “(A) a medical condition of a member of
19 the immediate family of the member; or

20 “(B) any other hardship that the Secretary
21 concerned determines appropriate for purposes
22 of this section.

23 “(d) MILITARY DEPARTMENT REGULATIONS.—Reg-
24 ulations prescribed under this section by the Secretaries
25 of the military department shall be as uniform as prac-

1 ticable and shall be subject to approval by the Secretary
2 of Defense.”.

3 (2) The table of sections at the beginning of such
4 chapter is amended by adding at the end the following
5 new item:

“709. Voluntary transfers of leave.”.

6 (b) DEADLINE FOR IMPLEMENTING REGULATIONS.—
7 Regulations to implement section 709 of title 10, United
8 States Code, as added by subsection (a), shall be pre-
9 scribed not later than six months after the date of the
10 enactment of this Act.

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