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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BASS of New Hampshire (for himself and Mr. GUINTA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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## 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. MILITARY SERVICE IDENTIFICATION CARD.**

4 (a) ESTABLISHMENT AND AVAILABILITY.—Chapter  
5 59 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by inserting  
6 after section 1166 the following new section:

1 **“§ 1167. Military service identification card: avail-**  
2 **ability and issuance**

3 “(a) DESIGN AND AVAILABILITY.—The Secretary of  
4 Defense (and the Secretary of Homeland Security with re-  
5 spect to the Coast Guard) shall design an appropriate  
6 identification card (to be known as the ‘military service  
7 identification card’) to identify and recognize the service  
8 of a member of the armed forces after the retirement or  
9 other separation of the member from the armed forces.

10 “(b) CONTENTS.—At a minimum, the military service  
11 identification card shall include the information contained  
12 on the Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active  
13 Duty (DD Form 214).

14 “(c) ISSUANCE.—The Secretary concerned shall issue  
15 the military service identification card to an eligible person  
16 upon the request of the person, subject to the payment  
17 of the amount required by subsection (e). In the case of  
18 a member of the armed forces who is being separated from  
19 the armed forces and requests the military service identi-  
20 fication card, the Secretary concerned is encouraged to  
21 provide for issuance of the military service identification  
22 card as part of any ceremony conducted in connection with  
23 the separation of the member to recognize the service of  
24 the member.

25 “(d) APPLICATION.—The Secretary of Defense (and  
26 the Secretary of Homeland Security with respect to the

1 Coast Guard) shall establish an application process by  
2 which a person can request the military service identifica-  
3 tion card.

4 “(e) COST.—Issuance of the military service identi-  
5 fication card to a person is conditioned upon the payment  
6 of an amount sufficient to cover the costs incurred by the  
7 United States to manufacture and issue the military serv-  
8 ice identification card.

9 “(f) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary of Defense (and  
10 the Secretary of Homeland Security with respect to the  
11 Coast Guard) shall issue such regulations as may be nec-  
12 essary to carry out this section.”.

13 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
14 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by inserting  
15 after the item relating to section 1166 the following new  
16 item:

“1167. Military service identification card: availability and issuance.”.

17 (c) RETROACTIVE AVAILABILITY.—

18 (1) AVAILABILITY.—The Secretary of Defense  
19 (and the Secretary of Homeland Security with re-  
20 spect to the Coast Guard) shall make the military  
21 service identification card authorized by section  
22 1167 of title 10, United States Code, as added by  
23 subsection (a), available to retired and former mem-  
24 bers of the Armed Forces who retired or were sepa-  
25 rated before the date of the enactment of this Act.

1           (2) NOTICE.—The Secretaries should widely an-  
2           nounce the availability of the military service identi-  
3           fication card through military and public informa-  
4           tion channels.

5           (3) APPLICATION PROCESS.—The Secretaries  
6           shall provide a mechanism by which a person eligible  
7           under paragraph (1) may apply for the military  
8           service identification card.

9           (4) COST AND ISSUANCE.—Subsection (e) of  
10          section 1167 of title 10, United States Code, shall  
11          apply with respect to the issuance of the military  
12          service identification card under this subsection.

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