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H. R. 4251

To amend title 10, United States Code, to ensure that the Secretary of Defense affords each member of a reserve component of the Armed Forces with the opportunity for a physical examination before the member separates from the Armed Forces.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 15, 2015

Mr. COFFMAN (for himself, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, Mr. POCAN, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. LATTA, Mr. HONDA, Ms. ESTY, Mr. NUGENT, Mr. ISRAEL, Mr. LOEBSACK, Mr. COLE, Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York, Ms. BROWNLEY of California, Mr. COSTA, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Mrs. LOVE, Mr. PALAZZO, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mr. ZINKE, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. JONES, Miss RICE of New York, Mr. WALKER, Mr. BOST, Mr. KING of Iowa, Mr. ZELDIN, Mr. COSTELLO of Pennsylvania, and Mr. RUIZ) 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Guard and Reserve
3 Equal Access to Health Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS FOR MEMBERS OF A RE-**
5 **SERVE COMPONENT WHO ARE SEPARATING**
6 **FROM THE ARMED FORCES.**

7 Section 1145 of title 10, United States Code, is
8 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
9 section:

10 “(f) **PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS FOR MEMBERS OF A**
11 **RESERVE COMPONENT.**—(1) The Secretary concerned
12 shall provide a physical examination pursuant to sub-
13 section (a)(5) to each member of a reserve component
14 who—

15 “(A) will not otherwise receive such an exam-
16 ination under such subsection; and

17 “(B) elects to receive such a physical examina-
18 tion.

19 “(2) The Secretary concerned shall—

20 “(A) provide the physical examination under
21 paragraph (1) to a member during the 90-day period
22 before the date on which the member is scheduled to
23 be separated from the armed forces; and

24 “(B) issue orders to such a member to receive
25 such physical examination.

1 “(3) A member may not be entitled to health care
2 benefits pursuant to subsection (a), (b), or (c) solely by
3 reason of being provided a physical examination under
4 paragraph (1).

5 “(4) In providing to a member a physical examination
6 under paragraph (1), the Secretary concerned shall pro-
7 vide to the member a record of the physical examination.”.

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