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# H. R. 2200

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 18, 2025

Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia (for herself and Ms. TOKUDA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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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. RETENTION OF ENLISTED MEMBERS AFTER**  
4 **COMPLETION OF 18 OR MORE, BUT LESS**  
5 **THAN 20, YEARS OF SERVICE.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter I of chapter 25 of title  
7 14, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end  
8 the following new section:

1 **“§ 2517. Retention of enlisted members after comple-**  
2 **tion of 18 or more, but less than 20, years**  
3 **of service**

4 “(a) REGULAR MEMBERS.—An enlisted member of  
5 the Regular Coast Guard who is selected to be involun-  
6 tarily separated, or whose term of enlistment expires and  
7 who is denied reenlistment, and who, on the date on which  
8 the member is to be discharged, is within two years of  
9 qualifying for retirement under section 2306 of this title  
10 shall be retained on active duty until the member is quali-  
11 fied for retirement, unless the member is sooner retired  
12 or discharged under any other provision of law.

13 “(b) RESERVE MEMBERS IN ACTIVE STATUS.—An  
14 enlisted member of the Coast Guard Reserve serving in  
15 an active status who is selected to be involuntarily sepa-  
16 rated (other than for physical disability or for cause), or  
17 whose term of enlistment expires and who is denied reen-  
18 listment (other than for physical disability or for cause),  
19 and who, on the date on which the member is to be dis-  
20 charged or transferred from an active status, is entitled  
21 to be credited with at least 18, but less than 20, years  
22 of service, may not be discharged, denied reenlistment, or  
23 transferred from an active status without the consent of  
24 the member before the earlier of the following:

25 “(1) If, as of the date on which the member is  
26 to be discharged or transferred from an active sta-

1       tus, the member has at least 18, but less than 19,  
2       years of service—

3               “(A) the date on which the member is enti-  
4               tled to be credited with 20 years of service; or

5               “(B) the third anniversary of the date on  
6               which the member would otherwise be dis-  
7               charged or transferred from an active status.

8               “(2) If, as of the date on which the member is  
9       to be discharged or transferred from an active sta-  
10      tus, the member has at least 19, but less than 20,  
11      years of service—

12              “(A) the date on which the member is enti-  
13              tled to be credited with 20 years of service; or

14              “(B) the second anniversary of the date on  
15              which the member would otherwise be dis-  
16              charged or transferred from an active status.”.

17      (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-  
18      ter 25 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by in-  
19      serting after the item relating to section 2516 the fol-  
20      lowing:

“2517. Retention of enlisted members after completion of 18 or more, but less  
than 20, years of service.”.

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