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1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 1818

To amend title 10, United States Code, to extend military commissary and exchange store privileges to veterans with a compensable service-connected disability and to their dependents.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 31, 2009

Mr. BURTON of Indiana (for himself, Mrs. MILLER of Michigan, Mr. LOBIONDO, Mr. ROHRABACHER, Mr. COURTNEY, Mr. RODRIGUEZ, Mr. LATTA, and Mrs. MCMORRIS RODGERS) 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Disabled Veterans  
5 Commissary and Exchange Store Benefits Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. COMMISSARY AND EXCHANGE STORE PRIVILEGES**  
2 **FOR DISABLED VETERANS AND THEIR DE-**  
3 **PENDENTS.**

4 (a) EXTENSION OF PRIVILEGES.—Chapter 54 of title  
5 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end  
6 the following new section:

7 **“§ 1065. Use of commissary and exchange stores: dis-**  
8 **abled veterans and their dependents**

9 “(a) DISABLED VETERANS.—A veteran with a com-  
10 pensable service-connected disability shall be permitted to  
11 use commissary and exchange stores on the same basis  
12 as a member of the Armed Forces entitled to retired or  
13 retainer pay.

14 “(b) DEPENDENTS.—A dependent of a veteran de-  
15 scribed in subsection (a) shall be permitted to use com-  
16 missary and exchange stores on the same basis as a de-  
17 pendent of a member of the Armed Forces entitled to re-  
18 tired or retainer pay.

19 “(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the terms ‘vet-  
20 eran’ and ‘service-connected’ have the meanings given  
21 those terms in section 101 of title 38.”.

22 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
23 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by adding  
24 at the end the following new item:

“1065. Use of commissary and exchange stores: disabled veterans and their de-  
pendents.”.

1       (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Section 1065 of title 10,  
2 United States Code, as added by subsection (a), shall take  
3 effect at the end of the 90-day period beginning on the  
4 date of the enactment of this Act.

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