

# Union Calendar No. 159

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 11, 2021

Mr. LEVIN of California (for himself, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. PALAZZO, Ms. MACE, Mr. RYAN, Mr. PAPPAS, and Mr. SABLAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

JANUARY 6, 2022

Additional sponsors: Mr. MRVAN, Mr. THOMPSON of California, and Mr. LAMB

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on March 11, 2021]

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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 “Guard and Reserve GI*  
5 *Bill Parity Act of 2021”.*

6 **SEC. 2. POST-9/11 EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE FOR CERTAIN**  
7 **RESERVE AND NATIONAL GUARD DUTY.**

8 *(a) OTHER QUALIFYING DUTY.—Section 3311(b) of*  
9 *title 38, United States Code, is amended—*

10 *(1) by striking “(including” each place it ap-*  
11 *pears and inserting “(including other qualifying duty*  
12 *and”;*

13 *(2) by striking “(excluding” each place it ap-*  
14 *pears and inserting “(including other qualifying duty*  
15 *but excluding”;* and

16 *(3) in paragraph (2), by inserting “or other*  
17 *qualifying duty” after “active duty” both places it*  
18 *appears.*

19 *(b) OTHER QUALIFYING DUTY DEFINED.—Section*  
20 *3301 of such title is amended—*

21 *(1) by redesignating paragraphs (3) and (4) as*  
22 *paragraphs (4) and (5), respectively; and*

23 *(2) by inserting after paragraph (2) the fol-*  
24 *lowing new paragraph:*

1           “(3) *The term ‘other qualifying duty’ means the*  
2           *following:*

3                   “(A) *During the period beginning on Au-*  
4                   *gust 1, 2025, and ending on July 31, 2032, ac-*  
5                   *tive duty for training performed by a member of*  
6                   *the Armed Forces—*

7                           “(i) *on or after August 1, 2025; or*

8                           “(ii) *before August 1, 2025, if such in-*  
9                           *dividual is a member of the Armed Forces*  
10                           *on or after such date.*

11                   “(B) *On or after August 1, 2032, duty per-*  
12                   *formed before, on, or after such date that is—*

13                           “(i) *active duty for training performed*  
14                           *by a member of the Armed Forces; or*

15                           “(ii) *inactive duty training performed*  
16                           *by a member of the Armed Forces.”.*

17           (c) *TIME LIMITATION FOR USE OF ENTITLEMENT FOR*  
18 *OTHER QUALIFYING DUTY.—Section 3321 of such title is*  
19 *amended—*

20                   (1) *in subsection (a)—*

21                           (A) *in paragraph (1), by striking “; or”*  
22                           *and inserting a semicolon;*

23                           (B) *in paragraph (2), by striking the period*  
24                           *at the end and inserting “; or”; and*

1           (C) by adding at the end the following new  
2           paragraph:

3           “(3) in the case of an individual whose entitle-  
4           ment is based on other qualifying duty performed—

5                   “(A) before August 1, 2025, expires on the  
6           latter of—

7                           “(i) the end of the 15-year period be-  
8                           ginning on the date of the discharge or re-  
9                           lease of such individual from the Armed  
10                          Forces; or

11                                  “(ii) August 1, 2040; or

12                                  “(B) on or after August 1, 2025, shall not  
13                          expire.”; and

14           (2) in subsection (b), by adding at the end the  
15           following new paragraph:

16                   “(6) *INDIVIDUALS SUBJECT TO TWO PERIODS.*—  
17           *In the case of an individual subject to periods under*  
18           *paragraphs (1) and (3)(A) of subsection (a), the pe-*  
19           *riod under such paragraph (3)(A) shall apply to such*  
20           *individual’s entitlement.”.*

21 **SEC. 3. MODIFICATION OF CERTAIN HOUSING LOAN FEES.**

22           (a) *EXTENSION.*—*The loan fee table in section*  
23 *3729(b)(2) of title 38, United States Code, is amended by*  
24 *striking “October 1, 2030” each place it appears and insert-*  
25 *ing “October 1, 2031”.*

- 1           **(b) IRRRL RATE.**—*The item in subparagraph (E) of*  
 2 *the loan fee table under such section is amended to read*  
 3 *as follows:*

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“(E)(i) Interest rate reduction refinancing loan (closed on or after July 1, 2022, and before October 1, 2028) .....	0.85	0.85	NA
(ii) Interest rate reduction refinancing loan (closed during a period not covered by clause (i)) .....	0.50	0.50	NA”.

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