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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. SPEIER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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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 “Filipino Veterans Fair-  
5       ness Act of 2011”.

1 **SEC. 2. CERTAIN SERVICE IN THE ORGANIZED MILITARY**  
2 **FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE PHIL-**  
3 **IPPINE SCOUTS DEEMED TO BE ACTIVE**  
4 **SERVICE.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 107 of title 38, United  
6 States Code, is amended—

7 (1) in subsection (a)—

8 (A) by striking “not” after “Army of the  
9 United States, shall”; and

10 (B) by striking “, except benefits under—  
11 ” and all that follows in that subsection and in-  
12 serting a period;

13 (2) in subsection (b)—

14 (A) by striking “not” after “Armed Forces  
15 Voluntary Recruitment Act of 1945 shall”; and

16 (B) by striking “except—” and all that fol-  
17 lows in that subsection and inserting a period;

18 (3) by amending subsection (c) to read as fol-  
19 lows:

20 “(c) DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY.—

21 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In determining the eligi-  
22 bility of the service of an individual under this sec-  
23 tion, the Secretary shall take into account any alter-  
24 native documentation regarding such service, includ-  
25 ing documentation other than the Missouri List,  
26 that the Secretary determines relevant.

1           “(2) REPORT.—Not later than March 1 of each  
2           year, the Secretary shall submit to the Committees  
3           on Veterans’ Affairs of the Senate and House of  
4           Representatives a report that includes—

5                   “(A) the number of individuals applying  
6                   for benefits pursuant to this section during the  
7                   previous year; and

8                   “(B) the number of such individuals that  
9                   the Secretary approved for benefits.”; and

10           (4) by amending subsection (d) to read as fol-  
11           lows:

12           “(d) RELATION TO FILIPINO VETERANS EQUITY  
13           COMPENSATION FUND.—Section 1002(h) of the American  
14           Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (title X of divi-  
15           sion A of Public Law 111–5; 123 Stat. 200; 38 U.S.C.  
16           107 note) shall not apply to an individual described in sub-  
17           section (a) or (b) of this section.”.

18           (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—(1) The heading  
19           of such section is amended to read as follows:

1 **“§ 107. Certain service deemed to be active service:**  
2 **service in organized military forces of the**  
3 **Philippines and in the Philippine**  
4 **Scouts”.**

5 (2) The item relating to such section in the table of  
6 sections at the beginning of chapter 1 of such title is  
7 amended to read as follows:

“107. Certain service deemed to be active service: service in organized military  
forces of the Philippines and in the Philippine Scouts.”.

8 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

9 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The amendments made by this  
10 Act shall take effect on the date that is 90 days after the  
11 date of the enactment of this Act.

12 (b) **APPLICABILITY.**—No benefits shall accrue to any  
13 person for any period before the effective date of this Act  
14 by reason of the amendments made by this Act.

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