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To absolve debts resulting from the payment of certain recruitment and reenlistment bonuses to members of the California National Guard, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GARAMENDI 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “National Guard Pay
5 Integrity Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. LIMITATIONS ON RECOUPMENT OF CERTAIN RE-**
2 **CRUITING AND REENLISTMENT BONUSES**
3 **PAID TO MEMBERS OF THE CALIFORNIA NA-**
4 **TIONAL GUARD.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
6 sion of law, except as provided in subsection (a), the Sec-
7 retary concerned (as such term is defined in section
8 101(5) of title 37, United States Code) shall—

9 (1) absolve any debt resulting from any bonus,
10 incentive pay, or similar benefit (or of any interest
11 associated with such a bonus, incentive pay, or simi-
12 lar benefit) that was paid to a member of the Cali-
13 fornia National Guard for recruitment or reenlist-
14 ment during fiscal years 2004 through 2010; and

15 (2) refund to any person who has repaid to the
16 United States all or part of any such bonus, incen-
17 tive pay, or similar benefit (including any interest
18 accrued on such bonus, incentive pay, or similar ben-
19 efit) the amount such person repaid to the United
20 States.

21 (b) EXCEPTION.—Subsection (a) shall not apply with
22 respect to a debt resulting from any bonus, incentive pay,
23 or similar benefit that the Secretary concerned determines
24 was paid under circumstances involving fraud or misrepre-
25 sentation on the part of the member of the California Na-
26 tional Guard to whom it was paid.

1 (c) STUDENT LOAN PAYMENTS.—In this section, the
2 term “similar benefit” includes any student loan payment
3 or repayment.

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