AMENDMENT TO
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OFFERED BY MR. BUCHANAN OF FLORIDA

At the end of subtitle A of title XVIII, add the following new section:

SEC. 18. PAYMENT OF CERTAIN VETERANS COMPENSATION AFTER DISCONTINUANCE BY REASON OF RECEIPT OF ACTIVE SERVICE PAY.

(a) Timing of Resumption of Payment.—

(1) Establishment.—Subchapter II of chapter 51 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

“§ 5114. Resumption of period of payment after discontinuance by reason of receipt of active service pay

“(a) Resumption; Amount.—Payment of compensation or pension, discontinued by reason of receipt of active service pay (pursuant to subsection (c) of section 5304 of this title), shall resume—

“(1) on the first day after the period of active service; and
“(2) in an amount based on a temporary disability rating of 10 percent under section 1156 of this title.

“(b) FILING OF CLAIM NOT REQUIRED.—The Secretary may resume payment under this section if the veteran has not filed a claim for such payment if the Secretary determines that the record contains sufficient evidence to re-establish the entitlement of the veteran to such benefit.”.

(2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections at the beginning of such chapter is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 5113 the following new item:

“5114. Resumption of period of payment after discontinuance by reason of receipt of active service pay.”.

(b) IMPLEMENTATION PLAN.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretaries of Veterans Affairs and Defense shall jointly implement a plan to—

(1) to improve the process by which the Secretary of Defense notifies the Secretary of Veterans Affairs of the end of a period of active service by a veteran who was in receipt of compensation or pension benefits under title 38, United States Code, immediately before such period; and
(2) to ensure timely resumption of payment in accordance with section 5114 of such title, as added by subsection (a).