AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1540, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. CARSON OF INDIANA

At the end of subtitle H of title V, add the following new section:

SEC. 5. MATTERS COVERED BY PRESEPARATION COUNSELING FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES AND THEIR SPOUSES.

Section 1142(b) of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in paragraph (5), by striking “job placement counseling for the spouse” and inserting “inclusion of the spouse, at the discretion of the member and the spouse, when counseling regarding the matters covered by paragraphs (9), (10), and (16) is provided, job placement counseling for the spouse, and the provision of information on survivor benefits available under the laws administered by the Secretary of Defense or the Secretary of Veterans Affairs”;

(2) in paragraph (9), by inserting before the period the following: “, including information on budgeting, saving, credit, loans, and taxes”;
(3) in paragraph (10), by striking “and employment” and inserting “, employment, and financial”;

(4) by striking paragraph (16) and inserting the following new paragraph:

“(16) Information on home loan services and housing assistance benefits available under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and counseling on responsible borrowing practices.”;

and

(5) in paragraph (17), by inserting before the period the following: “, and information regarding the means by which the member can receive additional counseling regarding the member’s actual entitlement to such benefits and apply for such benefits”.

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