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Add at the end of subtitle C of title V the following new section:

SEC. 5. CERTAIN REMEDIES FOR AN INDIVIDUAL INCONSISTENTLY SEPARATED FROM AN ARMED FORCE SOLELY ON THE BASIS OF REFUSING TO RECEIVE A VACCINATION AGAINST COVID–19.

(a) Reinstatement.—

(1) Election.—At the election of an covered individual, the Secretary concerned shall reinstate the covered individual as a member of the Armed Force concerned, in the same rank and grade the covered individual held at the time of separation from such Armed Force.

(2) Deadlines.—A covered individual may make an election under this subsection during the period of 180 days following the date of the enactment of this Act. The Secretary concerned shall reinstate a covered individual who makes such an election not later than 180 days after such election.
(b) BACK PAY; HARDSHIP BONUS.—A covered individual who makes an election under subsection (a) shall be entitled to—

(1) back pay for the period between the separation of the covered individual from the Armed Forces and the date of the enactment of this Act; and

(2) a hardship bonus in the amount of $15,000.

(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) The term “covered individual” means an individual who was involuntarily separated from an Armed Force solely on the basis of the refusal of such individual to receive a vaccination against COVID–19.

(2) The term “Secretary concerned” has the meaning given such term in section 101 of title 10, United States Code.