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Page 190, after line 10, insert the following new section:

SEC. 606. REPORT ON IMMINENT DANGER PAY AND HOSTILE FIRE PAY.

(a) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than March 1, 2019, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives a report examining the current processes for awarding imminent danger pay and hostile fire pay to members of the Armed Forces.

(b) ELEMENTS.—This report under this section shall include the following:

(1) An analysis of difficulties in implementing the current system.

(2) An explanation of how geographic regions are selected to be eligible for such pay and the criteria used to define these regions.

(3) An examination of whether the current geographic model is the most appropriate way to award such pay, including the following:
(A) A discussion of whether the current model most accurately reflects the realities of modern warfare and is responsive enough to the needs of members.

(B) Whether the Secretary believes it would be appropriate to tie such pay to specific authorizations for deployments (including deployments of special operations forces) in addition to geographic criteria.

(C) A description of any change the Secretary would consider to update such pay to reflect the current operational environment.

(D) How the Secretary would implement each change under subparagraph (C).

(E) Recommendations of the Secretary for related regulations or legislative action.