AMENDMENT TO
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At the end of subtitle C of title V, insert the following:

SEC. 5 . RECORD OF MILITARY SERVICE FOR MEMBERS
OF THE ARMED FORCES.

(a) STANDARD RECORD OF SERVICE REQUIRED.—
Chapter 59 of title 10, United States Code, is amended
by inserting after section 1168 the following new sections:

“§1168a. Discharge or release: record of military
service

“(a) RECORD OF SERVICE REQUIRED.—(1) The Sec-
retary of Defense shall establish and implement a stand-
ard record of military service for all members of the armed
forces (including the reserve components), regarding all
duty under this title, title 32, and title 14.

“(2) The record established under this section shall
be known as the ‘Certificate of Military Service’.

“(b) NATURE AND SCOPE.—A Certificate of Military
Service shall—

“(1) provide a standardized summary of the
service, in any Federal duty status or on State ac-
tive duty, in the armed forces of a member of the
armed forces;

“(2) be the same document for all members of
the armed forces; and

“(3) serve as the discharge certificate or certifi-
cate of release from active duty for purposes of sec-
tion 1168 of this title.

“(c) COORDINATION.—In carrying out this section,
the Secretary of Defense shall coordinate with other Fed-
eral officers, including the Secretary of Veterans Affairs,
to ensure that a Certificate of Military Service serves as
acceptable proof of military service for receipt of benefits
under the laws administered by such Federal officers.”.

(b) ISSUANCE TO MEMBERS OF RESERVE COMPO-
NENTS.—Chapter 59 of such title, as amended by sub-
section (a), is further amended by inserting after section
1168a the following new section:

“§ 1168b. Record of military service: issuance to mem-
bbers of reserve components

“An up-to-date record of military service under sec-
tion 1168a of this title shall be issued to a member of
a reserve component as follows:

“(1) Upon permanent change to duty status
(including retirement, resignation, expiration of a
term of service, promotion or commissioning as an
officer, or permanent transfer to active duty).

“(2) Upon discharge or release from temporary
active duty orders (minimum of 90 days on orders
or 30 days for a contingency operation).

“(3) Upon promotion to each grade beginning
with—

“(A) O–3 for commissioned officers;
“(B) W–3 for warrant officers; and
“(C) E–4 for enlisted members.

“(4) In the case of a member of the National
Guard, upon any transfer to the National Guard of
another State or territory (commonly referred to as
an ‘Interstate Transfer’).”.

(c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS RELATED TO CUR-
RENT DISCHARGE CERTIFICATE AUTHORITIES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (a) of section
1168 of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

(A) by striking “his discharge certificate or
certificate of release from active duty, respec-
tively, and his final pay” and inserting “the
member’s record of military service under sec-
tion 1168a of this title, and the member’s final
pay”; and
(B) by striking “him or his” and inserting “the member or the member’s”.

(2) heading amendment.—The heading of such section 1168 is amended to read as follows:

“§ 1168. Discharge or release from active duty: limitations; issuance of record of military service”.

(d) clerical amendment.—The table of sections at the beginning of chapter 59 of such title is amended by striking the item relating to section 1168 and inserting the following new items:

“1168. Discharge or release from active duty: limitations; issuance of record of military service.

“1168a. Discharge or release: record of military service.

“1168b. Record of military service: issuance to members of reserve components.”.