At the end of subtitle F of title V, insert the following new section:

SEC. 5. DEFINITION OF INDEPENDENT STUDENT FOR PURPOSES OF FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR HIGHER EDUCATION.

Section 480(d) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087vv(d)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1)—

(A) by redesignating subparagraphs (E) through (I) as subparagraphs (F) through (J), respectively; and

(B) by striking subparagraph (D) and inserting the following:

“(D) is a veteran of the Armed Forces (as defined in subsection (c)(1));

“(E) is a member of the Armed Forces (including the National Guard or Reserve) without regard to whether such individual is serving on active duty”; and
(2) in paragraph (2), by striking “paragraph (1)(I)” and inserting “paragraph (1)(J)”.

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